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More than a village



Two experiences last week brought home the truth that it may take a village to get something done, but the village must have leadership.

The first came at the end of a full day with the current Leadership New Hampshire class considering our state's business and economy as we concluded with a presentation on the "Strategic Economic Plan" released last year by the NH Business and Industry Association.

The research leading to this plan included 27 focus groups around the state, meetings with more than 200 people, surveys and demographic studies. What resulted was a set of 10 strategic goals setting out expectations with respect to business growth, retention and expansion, education, workforce and labor pool, energy, fiscal policy, healthcare, infrastructure, natural, cultural and historic resources, the regulatory environment and workforce housing.

All of these goals were framed "To ensure New Hampshire provides meaningful advantages for business through a vibrant, sustainable economy and the nation's best environment in which our residents can prosper."

But who will "own" this plan, cheerlead for it, find funding and see it through?

The second came earlier in the week. Fred Bramante, businessman and educator, gave a presentation on the National Center for Competency Based Learning he has launched, an initiative that carries out the state Board of Education's mandate that high schools award credit for mastery of material, rather than having students complete a certain number of classroom hours. To make that a reality, he is calling for 10,000 mentors statewide to step forward and help provide real-world learning opportunities for high school students. Who will help Fred cheerlead for this, find funding and take responsibility and accountability?

As a state, we are innovative when it comes to brainstorming public policy options, generous with our time to meet and discuss, but often not willing or able to follow through to completion. One wonders: are our governors and other elected officials too constrained by term limits and the nearly constant campaign mode? Is it a legislative budget process that only looks two years out? Or is it that many are interested but are simply too busy?

The New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies' report "From Tailwind to Headwind" documents our trail from the boom years to our immediate situation and future prospects. Inactivity is not an option.

But who will step up and take on the leadership and see it through? Yes; it "takes a village," but someone must be the champion.

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THANKSGIVING You want to host Thanksgiving, but you don't want to spend the whole day in the kitchen while everyone else gets to sit around talking and watching the Macy's parade or a football game. So why not get most of the work done ahead of time? It's possible. The Hippo talked to local experts about how to get dinner done early.



Also on the cover, if you really don't want to make your own Thanksgiving dinner, there's no shame in having the pros do it for you. Local restaurants are offering dine-in and take-out options for Turkey Day. Check out menus, ordering deadlines and pick-up times starting on page 42. Looking for family fun? Kiddie Pool on page 31 is full of ideas to keep the kiddos busy this weekend.

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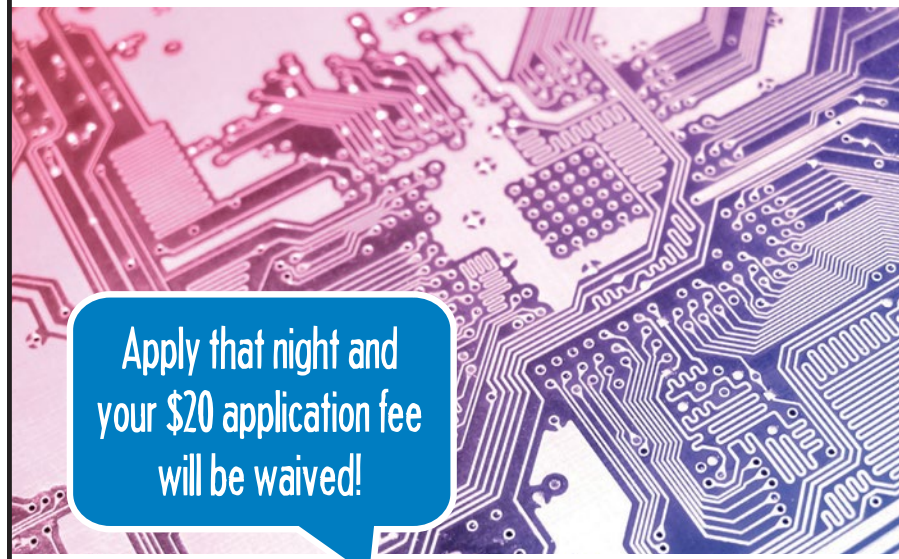
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Recount results

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Meanwhile, three legislative ties were broken by hand recounts. Democrat George Saunderson was declared the winner in Merrimack County District 9. He and Republican Michael Moffett originally finished with 1,479 votes each, but after the recount, Saunderson ended up with 1,484 votes and Moffett with 1,478.

Republican Ken Sheffert and Democrat Renny Cushing had originally tied for fourth place with 3,019 votes, in Rockingham County District 21, which has

four seats. Cushing won in the recount, 3,029 to 3,025.

Republican Jim McConnell and Democrat F. Barrett Faulkner tied for second with 1,240 votes in Cheshire County District 12, which has two seats. McConnell was declared the winner, 1,244 to 1,241, after the recount.

Corrections money

An insufficient number of employees is the main reason that the Department of Corrections has asked for \$47 million more in the next two-year state budget, according to the Associated Press. Since 2007, the department has lost about a quarter of its workforce because of budget cuts, while the inmate population continues to rise. The department's total request is \$250 million; about 74 percent of that is personnel costs, including \$7.5 million just to fund overtime. The Associated Press reported that the request was presented to lawmakers on Nov. 17 by corrections

department Budget Director Bob Mullen and Commissioner Bill Wrenn. If the budget is approved, the department would fill 65 now-vacant positions and add 81 new positions for the women's prison in Concord that's set to open in 2016.

Woman returns for trial

A woman who took her 8-year-old daughter and fled to Central America in 2004 has returned to New Hampshire and turned herself in, WMUR reported. Genevieve Kelley of Whitefield disappeared with her daughter, Mary, after her attempt to prove her ex-husband had harmed the child backfired. In February, after her daughter had turned 18, Kelley resurfaced and, through her lawyer, said she wanted to face a jury on the custodial interference charge. On Nov. 17, Kelley turned herself in in Lancaster and was arrested. She has said her daughter is safe, but Mary has yet to come forward.

Heating relief

An agreement between Fred Fuller Oil, Rymes Propane and Oil, and Sprague Energy — Fred Fuller's biggest supplier — has been reached. Fred Fuller had filed for bankruptcy last week after being sued by Sprague. Now, the three entities are working out a plan that should help ensure that customers who pre-bought from Fred Fuller will get their oil this winter,

WMUR reported. The Attorney General's office is making sure that the 2,000 Fred Fuller customers who pre-bought home heating oil last year for this winter will get what they paid for. Of the \$5.6 million worth of pre-bought oil, \$5.1 million is still undelivered, according to WMUR. Meanwhile, a Rymes representative has said that most Fred Fuller employees should be able to keep their jobs. 6 ▶

BEST WEEK

SPICE OVERDOSE PREVENTION

A recent series of inspections of businesses licensed to sell alcohol in Manchester showed that 99 percent are complying with the new city ordinance that prohibits the sale or distribution of synthetic cabbabinoids, better known as Spice. The ordinance was put into effect after the city saw several incidences of Spice overdoses during the summer. According to a press release, the New Hampshire Liquor Commission Division of Enforcement and Licensing conducted 100 inspections on Nov. 12; only Queen City Market on Elm Street was found to be in violation. Inspections will continue over the next few months.

WORST WEEK

ALCOHOL SALES AFTERMATH

Every time the state makes \$1 from the sale of liquor and wine and taxes on beer, it incurs \$12 in costs. According to the Associated Press, that was the finding of an analysis conducted by PolEcon Research for New Futures, an organization dedicated to preventing substance abuse. The analysis found that alcohol and drug misuse cost the state more than \$1.8 billion in 2012. The report also said that it would cost \$15 million to double the number of people receiving treatment, but the state would save \$227 million based on what it is currently losing in productivity and other costs, the AP reported.

A red Toyota RAV-4 driven by an unlicensed 16-year-old girl was first spotted driving south in the northbound lane of I-93 by Tilton police, according to a press release. The girl proceeded to drive through the Hooksett tolls and onto I-293, still going the wrong way and reaching speeds of 118 mph, until she was stopped by spike strips in Manchester.

Police say a coyote bit a woman and her dog on her property in Greenland on Nov. 17, according to WMUR. The woman's husband reportedly tried to scare the coyote away by shooting a firearm, and when that didn't work had to drive a car toward them. The coyote ran away, and the woman and dog have multiple lacerations but are expected to be OK.

This weekend, phone lines were down in Goffstown following a Saturday night car crash on Mast Road, which, according to a WMUR report, disrupted emergency phone systems. Emergency 911 calls to the police were routed to other stations, who passed on that information on to Goffstown officials. Fairpoint was on the scene until 2 a.m. Sunday morning repairing lines, and they returned at 6 a.m. to replace the 1,000 feet of underground and aboveground lines, but full order was not restored until Sunday evening.

Hunter Michael Deloria, 27, was rescued after being stuck up to his waist in mud for two hours in Hudson recently, WMUR reported. He got stuck around 8:50 a.m. Nov. 15; rescue crews were able to finally locate him by Speare Road by tracking the cell phone call and using a state police aircraft. The rescue took about an hour, after which Deloria needed to be treated for mild hypothermia.

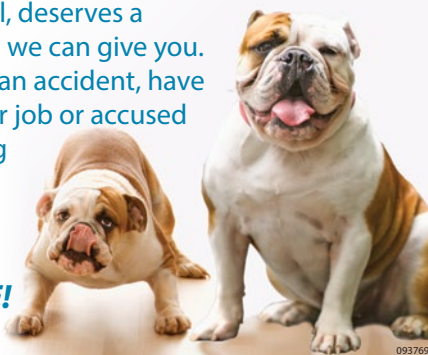
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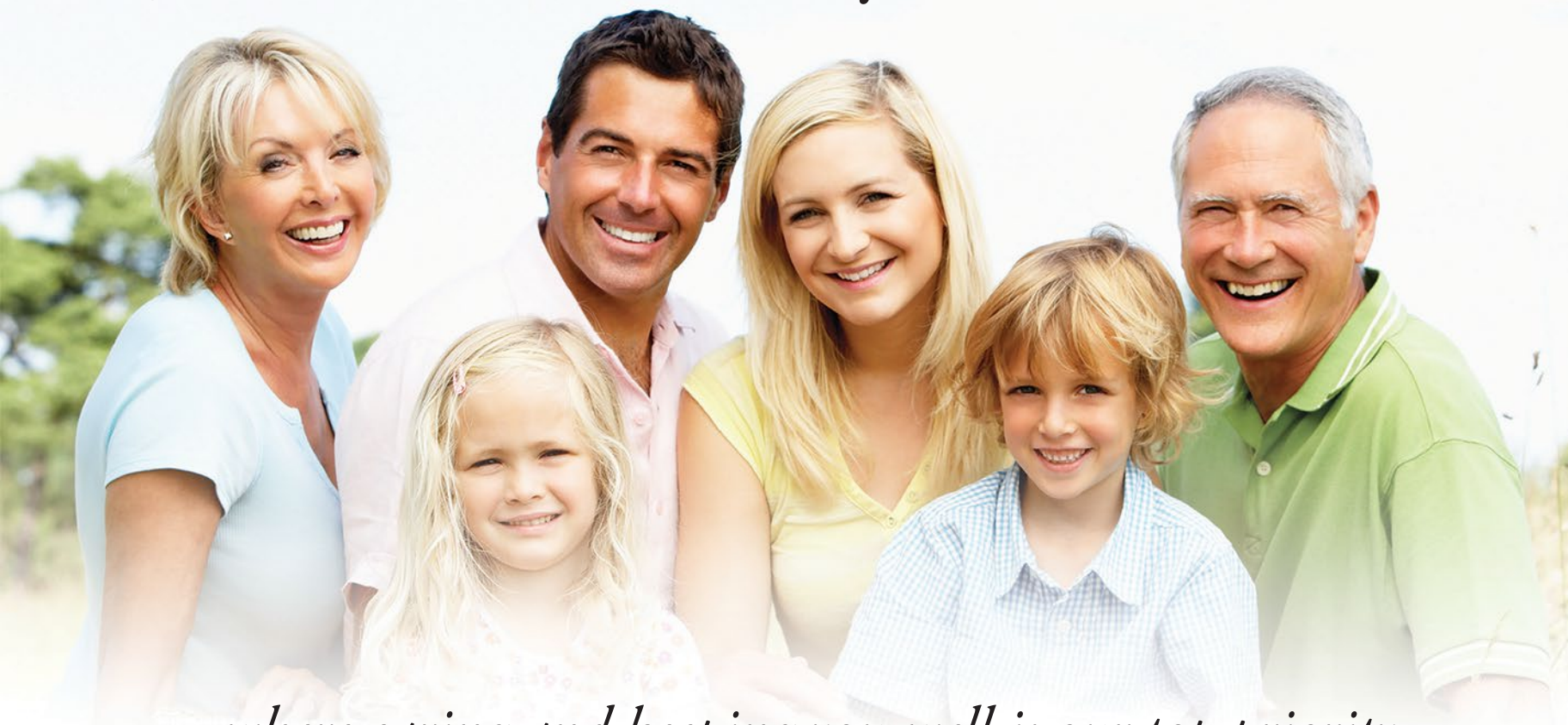
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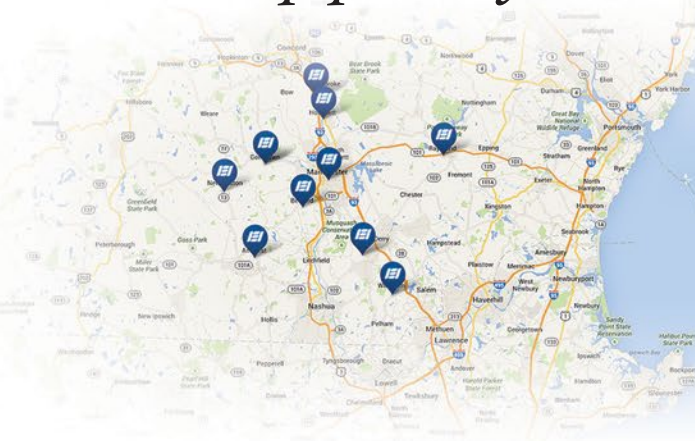


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Canobie vs. Google

More than a year after Boston-based Google employees had an outing at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, the park is suing Google for not paying its bill.

The lawsuit filed in Rockingham Superior Court states that Canobie hosted a day of rides and catered food for 800 Google employees, WMUR reported.

Google paid a 50-percent deposit for just over \$20,000 prior to the Aug. 1, 2013 outing. The total bill came to about \$44,000, and a final invoice was sent to Google for about \$24,000. But Google still hasn't paid that final invoice, WMUR reported. Google has until Jan. 15 to respond.

Less salt, please

The state's use of salt to clear roads of ice and snow has been rising for decades, NHPR reported, and is now at the point

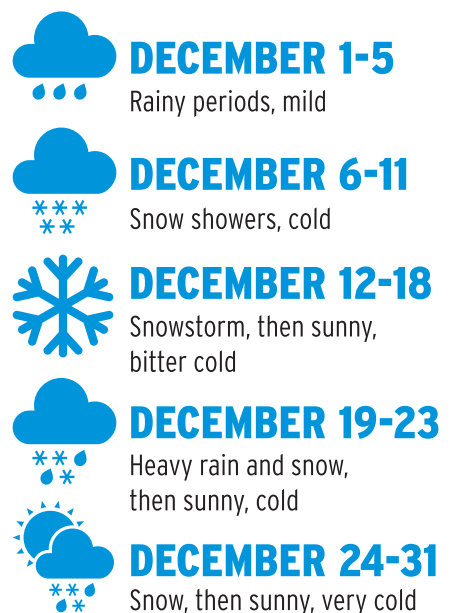
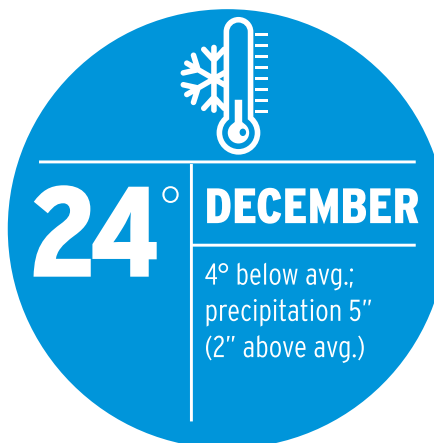
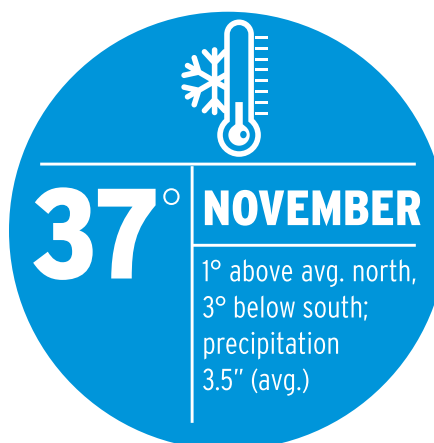
where there's so much salt seeping into watersheds that it's toxic.

Eric Williams of the Department of Environmental Services spoke at a recent Salt Symposium in Windham, saying that the state needs to “reduce the amount of salt in these watersheds by anywhere from 25 to 45 percent,” NHPR reported. One of the reasons behind this is because the Federal Clean Water Act required reduced salt use in order for the state to move ahead in widening I-93. Town public works departments were hesitant to get on board at first, according to NHPR, but many have come around because they've learned how to use less while still maintaining safety. Though Derry has added more than 35 miles of paved roadways, it has reduced its salt use by 25 percent, NHPR reported.

Reduction methods include mixing salt with water; pretreating roads and using additives in the salt. ☁

What will winter bring?

According to weather predictions from *The 2014 Old Farmer's Almanac*, New Hampshire is looking at bitter temps in the coming weeks – and possibly a white Christmas.



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Making Mosaic

More options for homeschooled students

In September, youth enrichment program Mosaic Explore opened to give homeschooled children an opportunity to learn from experienced instructors and engage with fellow homeschoolers. Every Wednesday at Unitarian Universalist Church in Manchester, children ages 7 to 16 from around the state meet up to learn biology, cartoon drawing, Shakespeare and Spanish. Founder and program director Cristina Drondoe spoke with The Hippo about the homeschooling community in New Hampshire and the importance of designing individual learning experiences for a child's interest.

Q: Tell me about yourself. What is your background?

I am a software engineer ... and I have a master's in business administration. I also did Montessori training for 10 months for kids in grade 1 to 3. I was born in Romania, came to the States 15 years ago, end of 2000. I stopped working after having kids and dedicated my time and worked with them.

Why did you do the Montessori training?

I did this training because I was at a time when my daughter did Montessori school for three years, between pre-K and K, and I kind of knew I was not ready to switch to public school and wanted to find out more about Montessori. I never taught. It was more of a way of educating myself for my children. She started second grade and midway through, although Montessori [methodology] is absolutely amazing, it makes a big difference how it is actually followed and implemented in the school. We decided to try homeschooling.

How did you come up with the idea for Mosaic Explore?

When I first started homeschooling it took me a couple of months to figure out what was going on, how to do it without impacting social life. There are many so-called co-ops, which are groups initiated and run by parents where kids go ... and do different activities, led by parents. They can range from science to craft class to storytelling to maybe a book club. ... I realized it would be great for kids to be able to go to a place, to have a hub, to take classes taught by skilled people. Not competing with a co-op, but complementing them. [It] offers a lot of flexibility. Take a break from homeschooling, being exposed to skilled teachers. I wanted to have experienced teachers teaching the subject so kids have the ability to work with people very knowledgeable in their area.

Five favorites

- Favorite book:** *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- Favorite movie:** *A Good Year*; also *The Intouchables*
- Favorite type of music:** Classical, pop
- Favorite food:** Mediterranean and Asian
- Favorite thing about NH:** Autumn foliage



Cristina Drondoe

You describe it as a "mix and match, a la-carte menu" of learning.

It's a mix and match in the sense that you can pick and choose classes. You don't have to be there the whole day [or]

as a parent you can drop your kid in the morning and pick up at the end of the day.

Why did you choose to homeschool?

It's amazing the flexibility that you have as a parent and the degree of empowering to choose. I had no idea there is a market for homeschool in terms of curriculums. It feels good to be able to ... follow your child and his or her interest at the right level.

Why is it important for homeschooled children to engage in a classroom setting?

By coming here ... you're being part of a group of kids who have the same interest as you. ... By the third Wednesday, everyone knew how to switch from one classroom to another. They had lunch together and it was great, the relationships they developed and just being together. I think it was needed because there was not one place they could come and take a great variety of classes.

How are class subjects determined?

So I looked at what classes I would like to start with and started to look for teachers in these different areas and it took many phone calls. Sometimes it's with a subject in mind and going out and seeing who can help. My biology teacher teaches at UNH. For chemistry, I'm working with a PhD student from Dover. She's doing math and chemistry. ... For our cartooning we have Clay Wirestone from Concord Monitor.

How did you come up with the name?

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So much debt

New Hampshire college graduates are once again honored as having the most student debt in the nation, according to the annual report from the nonprofit, Project on Student Debt. As reported by NHPR, students graduating from New Hampshire state colleges and universities had an average debt of nearly \$33,000, the highest in the nation. At UNH in particular, 76 percent of students graduated with debt last year, with the total averaging about \$36,000. Nationally, the report found seven in 10 seniors graduated with some debt.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *We ranked second highest last year, but this is the third time in four years we've hit the top of the list.*

New sports complex

Nashua is now home to a large indoor sports complex called Nashua Sports Academy, which is located at 90 Northwest Blvd. and contains an indoor turf field, four basketball courts, seven batting cages, a training facility, viewing area, concession stand and two-level track on an upper-level mezzanine. Co-founders Jason Novak and Jake Hart said in a Union Leader article they were inspired with the idea of providing athletes of all ages a place to play sports. The new arena also offers changing rooms, showers, a uniform store, an arcade and conference area, according to the article. Four full-time employees and 26 part-time high school and college students will help run various programs.

QOL Score: +1 (for having another option in southern New Hampshire for indoor sports, especially for those of us who would prefer to hibernate inside during the winter)

Comment: *According to the website, individual annual membership cost is \$25, family membership \$65. The facility is open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily.*

Let the sun shine

This week, Peterborough broke ground on what is to be the largest solar power system in the state. The 944-kilowatt installation will be built on 5 acres of former wastewater lagoons at the site of the town's wastewater treatment plant, according to WMUR, thanks to a \$1.2 million grant from New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, which will be offset through a 20-year power purchase agreement with a subsidiary of Borrego Solar Systems. Electricity from the installation will power the wastewater treatment plant and other town facilities and in the long run will save the town up to \$25,000 a year on energy costs. Once completed, it will be nearly twice the size of the next-largest New Hampshire solar project, a 500-kilowatt system atop the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport parking garage.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *According to wmur.com, construction is expected to be complete by the spring of 2015.*

Must have baked goods

Four people were arrested Monday morning, accused of breaking into Kay's Bakery in Manchester. According to a press release, Manchester Police found the individuals at the scene at 1 a.m. that morning, along with a broken window and open door. The items stolen? Food and drinks. The business kept no cash on premises after hours, as recommended by the Manchester Police Department.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *QOL can only imagine the midnight snack craving these four had.*

QOL score: 83

Net change: 0

QOL this week: 83

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Putting the Sox puzzle together



It is that time of year when an on-the-hot-seat **Ben Cherington** is trying to put together the 2015 Red Sox. Given the train wreck 2014 turned out to be when

they scored the fewest runs in the American League and traded away their top two starters and second-best relief pitcher, **Andrew Miller**, he has his work cut out for him.

He actually started the process in July when free agent-to-be **Jon Lester** and **John Lackey** were dealt for hitters **Yoenis Cespedes** and **Allen Craig** along with projected fourth starter (just call me) **Joe Kelly**. Now, they are flush in cash to spend on free agents, along with having too many outfielders and pitching prospects to use, so trades seem inevitable as well. With lots of names being bandied about at the moment — some of whom could have been traded between the time I wrote this on Monday and when it hit the streets — here are my thoughts on the big names in question and the process underway, from most important on down.

Who's Available in Trades: I'll listen on everyone.

Giancarlo Stanton: Forgetabout it. Even if he's not signed with Miami already, I'm not giving a 13-year contract to anyone. The only one who might have tempted me was **Bobby Orr** at 22, but thanks to his knees he was done at 28, so that wouldn't have worked out — a lesson few will learn from.

Invest in the Bullpen: First, while I may hate everyone's following the **Tony LaRussa** manual for handling bullpens, that's how it's done, so you need to be good up and down the bullpen. Second, the Sox opening day starters in 2014 cost \$90 million. If starters are expected to pitch seven innings per start, that means it cost them \$12.5 million per inning nightly, and that's if they don't get hurt. Thus if you have a

lights-out bullpen from the sixth inning on, like Atlanta in 2013 and Baltimore in 2014, it's far more economical per out because relievers, even the best ones, cost far less. Plus then you only really need a big three in the rotation because the less expensive options in the final two spots only have to go five decent innings because they can be picked by the bullpen after that.

Getting the New No. 1 Starter: Sorry, **James Shields** is NOT a No. 1 starter. Plus, while people keep saying that after playing in Tampa Bay he's "battled tested" in the AL East, so was **Carl Crawford** and look what happened to him. Tampa Bay and Kansas City are not exactly cauldrons of high baseball expectations, which makes them much different than playing in Boston. So I'm OK signing him, but it's as a No. 2.

Pablo Sandoval: A nice player with three solid postseasons, which makes him very tempting. But going six years at \$18 million per with that body seems really risky, specially when the OPS has declined each of the last three years. It's true there have been guys like **Tony Gwynn** and **David Ortiz** who never really looked like slaves to conditioning who did quite nicely. But he seems risky, especially since the switch hitter hit .199 in 191 right-handed at-bats last year.

The Top Free Agent Target: It's **Jon Lester**. As I said before he was traded, I have no problem with the "no long-term contracts to players over 30" plan, mainly because it makes sense. The Yankees are finding that out right now being handcuffed to giant contracts to under-performing or injured stars **Mark Teixeira**, **CC Sabathia** and **A-Rod**. But to implement that plan the young pitching needs to become top-of-the-rotation pitchers, and that will take time. So if they want to compete as they develop this plan, they need an ace who they *know* can pitch in Boston. Who fits that bill better than Lester? Plus he won't cost the four

prospects **Cole Hamels** and/or **Johnny Cueto** will. Lester needs to be the exception as the bridge to implementing the new policy.

Main Trading Commandment: Thou Shalt Not Trade the A and A+ Prospects. It means you have to know your farm system better than the other guy and have the discipline to say no on them, while being able to sell your B+ and A- guys as better than they are. **Dan Duquette** convincing Montreal **Carl Pavano** and **Tony Armas Jr.** were worth sending **Pedro Martinez** to the Red Sox is an example. While it was a deal brought on by Pedro's impending free agency, which is similar to the Cueto situation in Cincy, it still was a heist of gigantic proportions. The two best examples of trading a lot while adhering to this cardinal rule at the same time they were perpetually great were the 1950s Yankees and Atlanta Braves during their run of 14 straight NL East titles. The main reason is if the A and A+ prospects deliver, it gives escalating production at lower cost, and the savings can be invested in other areas of need, like when Atlanta signed **Greg Maddux** to a huge deal.

Who Are The A and A+ Prospects? After being waaaay off on **Will Middlebrooks**, I'm reluctant to make an iron-clad pronouncement. But I like **Mookie Betts** and he's the lead-off hitter they need, so I'd be reluctant to move him. At the very least, I'd use him in the utility role over **Brock Holt**, because Betts is better and Holt's trade value will never be higher. As for kids like **Henry Owens**, **Blake Swihart** and **Brian Johnson** in the minors, I'll leave that to the people running the farm system. Though after missing badly on **Jackie Bradley Jr.** and **Middlebrooks**, and **Xander Bogaerts'** up-and-down Year 1 suggesting his ceiling might not be as high as originally thought, I see why folks might not have great confidence in the judgment of the brass.

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Pinkerton, Bedford to meet

The Big Story: It'll be No. 1 vs. No. 2 when Pinkerton meets Bedford for the Division I State Football title on Saturday in Durham. The Astros go there by virtue of a dominating 35-0 win over Bishop Guertin that has to make them the favorite. Bedford earned their spot after tough-minded **Tyler Cibotti**, filling in for injured **Mike Vailas** at quarterback, shook off the gigantic mistake of fumbling inside his own one in the fourth quarter to throw a 10-yard TD pass to **Taylor Larsen** with the winning score in a 14-7 win over Exeter. Both teams go into the 6:00 p.m. start at 11-0, so the season will end with an undefeated champ, which adds to the drama.

Sports 101: What quarterbacks are the leaders in being sacked during the single season, among active players and all-time in the regular season and playoffs?

Toughest Loss of the Week: It's no-repeat for the SNHU soccer team after losing in stunning fashion on Saturday when a 2-0 lead evaporated as they surrendered not one but two goals in the final 1:08 of regulation to LIU-Post. That sent it to overtime, where Post won 6-5 on penalty kicks to take the East Regional of the

NCAA Division II soccer championships. That ended the Penmen's season short of their goal, but at a still outstanding 17-1-2.

What Took Them So Long Award: It goes to the NHIAA for finally getting around to inducting a former Red Sox catcher and Indians, Reds and Braves manager who died in 1999. He goes in for his play as a QB and catcher for Nashua High in the early '30s. The other local of the eight folks inducted on Sunday was long-time writer and broadcaster **Ed Lecius Jr.**, also of Nashua, in the contributor category.

On This Date – Nov. 20: 1928 – The Boston Garden opens and the Montreal Canadiens beat the Boston Bruins 1-0. **1977** – **Walter Payton** rushes for NFL-record 275 yards. **Born: 1866** – **Kenesaw Mountain Landis**, first commissioner of baseball. **1975** – J.D. Drew, ex-Red Sox slacker. **Died: 2006** – **Andre Waters**, Philadelphia DB whose suicide many believe was related to concussions suffered during his NFL career.

Sports 101 Answers: Single season: **David Carr**, 76. Active player: **Ben Roethlisberger**, 411. All time: **Brett Favre**, 525. In the playoffs: **Joe Flacco**, 27. 🌩

The Numbers

0 – people who believed **A-Rod's** public denial last January about using steroids after 2004, which was proved correct 11 days later when he admitted to ATF investigators he actually did. **1** – ranking maintained by UNH after **Sean Gold-ric** connected for three TDs to **Harold Spears** and four overall in Saturday's 43-14

dismantling of Delaware to move to 9-1.

3 – wins over the weekend for your Manchester Monarchs after **Brian O'Neill** iced No. 3 with a goal in OT for a 4-3 win at Hartford on Sunday, following identical 5-2 wins over Worcester and Providence.

58 – margin of victory by SNHU when **Elijah Bon-signore** scored 15 points in

a 94-36 season-opening win over Division III patsy Suffolk University.

146 – rushing yards and 3 TDs for **TJ Urbanik** on 19 carries in Pinkerton's 35-0 semifinals playoff win over BG.

40,000 – asking price in dollars per month by **Tom Brady** to rent the pad he and **Giselle** bought a year ago for a mere \$14 million in NYC. 🌩

Sports Glossary

Mark Teixeira: Paid \$22.5 million per, played 15 games in 2013 and hit .216 with 62 RBI in 2014. Two years still on deal.

CC Sabathia: Pitched in eight 2014 games when the ERA was 5.57 due to a hip condition that may end his career with \$45 million still owed.

A-Rod: Owed \$28.5 million per for three more years. He's 40 and was suspended for 'roid use last year after playing 44 games and knocking in just 19 runs in 2013.

Atlanta Braves – 1992-2006: Youngsters who came up to replace solid but too expensive veterans like **Dave Justice** include **Chipper Jones**, **Andruw Jones**, **Javy Lopez**, **Rafael Furcal**, **Ryan Klesko** and **Steve Avery**. Trades for the expensive vets or kids never heard from again include **Fred McGriff**, **Marquis Grissom**, **Kenny Lofton**, **Denny Nagel** and **Andres Galarraga**. Only goof: trading **Jermaine Dye**, who went on to hit 325 homers for lunch money after his rookie season.

The 1950s Yankees: **Yogi Berra**, **Whitey Ford**, **Mickey Mantle**, **Elston Howard**, **Bobby Richardson** and others came up as they raked bottom-dwelling teams in deals for staff ace **Eddie Lopat**, **Bob Turley** (1958 Cy Young), **Don Larsen** (perfect game in World Series), great fielding third baseman **Clete Boyer**, half blind, flame-throwing alcoholic reliever **Ryne Duren** and two-time MVP **Roger Maris**. They even traded **Ralph Terry** to KC, who went 23-8 in 1962 after getting him back. Only goof: trading 1957 Series MVP **Lew Burdette** for end-of-the-line **Johnny Sain**. 🌩



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Three steamers running, tinfoil-covered dishes spread out over the counter, turkey about to come out of the oven and rolls about to go in, a stove-top covered in pots of squash and potatoes — somehow, your little kitchen has transformed into a restaurant-level production and your “sous chef” is watching the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner is no easy task.

“I think people are so timid about hosting Thanksgiving because it is a nightmare — you want everything hot and you want everything to come out at the same time,” Kristen Chinosi, owner of The Culinary Playground in Derry, said. “The beauty of it is a lot of Thanksgiving dishes are really simple. ... So much of it can be prepared ahead of time.”

Imagine a less stressful Turkey Day where instead of spending all your time in the kitchen, you can actually enjoy a glass of wine while catching up over appetizers with family and friends. It’s



not impossible. The Hippo talked to local chefs and business owners who have mastered the art of make-ahead meals, and they’re here to help.

Chefs Ron Boucher and Aaron Duvall of Chez Boucher Culinary Arts Training Center and Savory Square Bistro of Hampton, and Stefan Ryll of Southern

New Hampshire University’s Culinary Arts program also shared some hints on how to transform Thanksgiving dinner and its leftovers.

“It’s going to be a lot of work any way you look at it, but if you can dole it out ahead of time rather than being a frazzled mess on the day of, I really think

you can make it successful and enjoy it,” Chinosi said.

If you want to get a head start, follow our planner to tackle Turkey Day bit by bit. Plus, check out tips on how to rock a Thanksgiving potluck, and recipes that’ll help you empty your fridge of leftovers one delicious meal at a time.

The week before

Be a pro-planner

The best way to stay on top of Turkey Day is to be organized. Start by coming up with a menu and figure out which dishes you can do in advance, when you can make them, what you’ll need and what you’ll be doing on the day of the party.

“It’s really about planning and not trying to overdo it,” said Jane Coplan, manager of Dream Dinners in Bedford, which works with clients to create make-ahead meals all year round. “You can do it a little at a time. Don’t overwhelm yourself. Keeping it simple is the best approach.”

“I think fleshing it out ahead of time



[is key],” said Chinosi.

Like Coplan, Chinosi is a make-ahead expert. She offers a meal prep workshop at The Culinary Playground where attendees prepare a week’s worth of meals in one afternoon.

“Take the time to sit down, plan out your menu and have a plan of attack,” she said.

Once you have your menu ready, see what you can assign to guests to bring to the dinner. Most guests want to be able to help and to bring something, whether it’s a pie, an appetizer or a bottle of wine. After that, figure out your grocery list and decide if you want to place any orders at local bakeries or shops.

“You have to be organized. You have to know exactly what your menu is and what you’re going to make,” Chinosi said.

If you want to save even more time for Turkey Day by avoiding the grocery store, Dream Dinners has options for take-and-bake dishes, including boneless turkey.

“We have all the side dishes from the stuffing to the green bean casserole to the mashed potatoes to the gravy,” Coplan said.

Organization and planning are key to Chinosi’s meal prep workshops, where she generally plans one Crock Pot dish, one casserole and two other cooking and reheating methods (say, in the oven or on the stovetop).

Sunday

Your freezer is your friend

Once you have your menu set, make Sunday your prep day. Instead of doing all the prep work yourself, Chinosi recommends turning it into a social occasion — “Then it’s not so boring and so mundane,” she said.

Invite friends over to prep. Start by cutting vegetables and putting them in plastic storage bags or containers. If you’re making pies, prepare the dough

Who says Thanksgiving can’t be potluck?

A potluck is a host’s best friend. And chances are, some of your guests have their own stand-by potluck recipes.

“Everyone wants to participate for Thanksgiving dinner,” Coplan said. “Don’t think you’re superwoman or superman and you have to do it all.”

Whether it’s Friendsgiving in your apartment or a family gathering at Nana’s, encouraging guests to bring a potluck dish makes the holiday a little less stressful. Here’s how to pull it off:

- **Strategize.** If you’re the host, make sure everyone knows who is bringing what. Planning websites like Sign Up Genius (signupgenius.com) allow your guests to see who is bringing which dish.

- **The before’s and after’s.** Ask your guests to bring either an appetizer or a dessert.

“I think desserts are a beautiful thing to hand off to other people,” Chinosi said. “It’s so nice to have a variety. For us, everyone wants a slice of each pie.”

“Don’t bring anything overly heavy,” Boucher said. “You’re just about to sit down to eat a heavy meal. I don’t think people want to eat heavy [appetizers].”

- **Assign a dish, and hand out recipes.** Although a potluck will make it easier on the host, then comes the pressure of what to bring. Assigning dishes to guests makes it clearer. If guests really don’t know what to do, give them a recipe.

- **Set guidelines.** The whole point of saving the host time by organizing a potluck is so you’re not in the kitchen the whole day. Set guidelines so that all dishes come prepared in advance. If it needs to be reheated, give the host a heads up so there isn’t an oven full of dishes being reheated. Bring what you need (bring the Crock Pot with you, set it up in a serving tray so the host doesn’t have to, bring a serving spoon, etc.).

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for the pie crust and freeze it.

"While you can freeze it in a ball, why not roll it out, fit it to the pie plate and freeze?" Chinosi said. "That will save even more time on the big day. They can then be stacked in the freezer, which will be easier to store than balled up."

Freezing dishes in advance won't harm any of the ingredients, Coplan and Chinosi said, but some freeze better than others.

"It's more about things that you really shouldn't freeze," Chinosi said.

Vegetables with a lot of moisture (like mashed potatoes) won't freeze well. And cream-based dishes will taste fine but look weird. The dairy clots together so if you do choose to freeze a pumpkin soup or butternut squash, Chinosi recommends rebrending the dishes after taking them out of the freezer.

Gravy and cranberry sauce are both great make-ahead dishes. You can keep a gravy base (with the stock, aromatics and vegetables) in the freezer even a month ahead of the holiday, and then add drippings to the base on the day of, Chinosi said.

"I look at it as a marrying of all those ingredients. When you're blending them prior to freezing you're affording the ability for those ingredients to interact and get all that flavor," Coplan said. "It really enhances the flavor and it enhances the ingredients."

If you prefer to make cranberry sauce or chutney, that will also store well in a covered container in the fridge.

Of course, you can also take shortcuts with dishes like the gravy and cranberry sauce, if you prefer the canned variety.

Monday & Tuesday

Get those side dishes stowed away

After school or after dinner a couple nights before can be the perfect time to spend preparing for the holiday with kids. Rather than have too many cooks in the kitchen on Thanksgiving, kids of any age can prepare pies, cookies and breads early without the stress of the big day and still spend quality time as a family.

For those dishes that won't store well in the freezer — like mashed potatoes, squash and

green bean casserole — you can still prepare them in advance and store them in the fridge up to three days before. Many casserole dishes also freeze well, too.

"Casseroles are really good for that. The beauty of it is it's one thing in a pan," Chinosi

said. "[For mashed potatoes], make it up however you normally would, grease a casserole dish and load it up. Top it with some melted butter and wrap it up."

Early preparation also helps to intensify the flavor.

"Think about the stuffing," Chinosi said. "Those flavors are mulling together and getting intensified."

Another time-saving tip? Don't stuff the bird. It will take longer to cook and can also result in a drier turkey. Prepare the stuffing on its own a few days before, and it's one less thing to do on Turkey Day.

If you want a dish to taste especially fresh on Thanksgiving Day, both Chinosi and Chef Ron Boucher of Chez Boucher Culinary Arts Training Center and Savory Square Bistro of Hampton recommend preparing it, but not cooking it, ahead of time. So instead of making it, keeping it in



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the fridge and then re-heating it, prepare it so it's ready to cook on Turkey Day.

"The whole idea behind it — to not be a slave to the kitchen — is to prepare everything that you could possibly prepare ahead of time so that the day of the holiday you can have fun," Boucher said.

Boucher and Stefan Ryll of Southern New Hampshire University's Culinary Arts program both said that one thing you want to spend *more* time doing is brining your turkey.

"It adds moisture and flavor," Ryll said.

The extra effort is worth the time, they said, and you can make the brine ahead of time so it's not adding to your workload on the big day.

"Personally, I started brining about, I want to say five Thanksgivings ago, and I don't think I'll ever have another turkey that I don't take the time to brine," Boucher said. "It just makes all the difference in the world."

To brine your turkey, make brine with a quart of water, 1½ cups of salt, bay leaves and spices (like coriander seeds, peppercorns, fennel and mustard seeds), let simmer and stir until the salt has dissolved. Once your brine has cooled, place your turkey in a brining or oven-roast-

ing bag in a large container. Add the brine to the bag with about six quarts of water and any other desired ingredients (wine, onions, garlic and thyme, for example). Make sure the turkey is submerged and tie the bag closed. Refrigerate for 24 hours, flipping the turkey after about 12 hours.

Wednesday

The night before

Go down your checklist and see what's left to do. The turkey should be thawed and ready to go, and submerged in brine if you choose to go that route. Your fridge is loaded with pies and casseroles. Use the night before to prep whatever you haven't done yet. Dips for appetizers can be made Wednesday night, and there's still time to make a pie or a casserole (or two).

"I will often make my Crock Pot meal the night before," Chinosi said.

Also, there is no law against cooking the turkey ahead of time. Let it cool, break down the bird and slice the meat, then place the turkey meat in a casserole dish. Put some turkey stock in the dish before you heat it up, and make sure to cover the dish so that it steams. Let it reheat, covered in the oven for about 20

Fried stuffing bites with cranberry sauce pesto

Leftover recipe courtesy of chef Stefan Ryll of Southern New Hampshire University. Yields four to six servings.

Leftover stuffing
2 eggs
2 teaspoons milk
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
1 cup cranberry sauce
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ cup walnuts
Oil for frying

Preheat oil to 350 degrees. Cut leftover stuffing into bite-sized cubes and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk eggs and milk together. Coat each stuffing bite with this



egg wash, then dredge in the bread crumbs until fully coated and set aside. In a food processor, blend cranberry sauce, pepper and walnuts and set aside. Once oil is the desired temperature, fry each piece of stuffing until golden brown about four minutes. Drain on a paper towel and serve with cranberry pesto.

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Leftover heaven



Take all your leftover vegetables, turkey and gravy and use them as ingredients for a pot pie or a casserole (like a recreated shepherd's pie with turkey).

"Another one would be a turkey casserole — you would take your meat, you may add some pasta into it and vegetables if you like," Ryll said. "You may change out the sauce, marinara or gravy if you like."

For a healthier leftover lunch, take your leftover turkey meat and dress it with leftover pureed cranberry sauce and mayonnaise. Fold the dressing in with the turkey meat and add fruit, like dried cranberries, to create a turkey salad to put on top of a green leafy salad or for sandwich filling.

Make turkey a la king using your leftovers (like turkey, gravy and some vegetables) with small puff pastry pillows.

"That would be a great appetizer for the next party or a few days down the road," Ryll said.

Some of Ryll's most creative leftover inventions are turkey enchiladas, fried stuffing bites, green bean casserole mini pot pies, and his breakfast dishes.

The turkey enchiladas are made by using the leftover turkey as the meat filling — add cheese and chopped onions with red sauce or turkey gravy and serve with soft taco shells or corn tortillas.

"You go a little bit more Mexican in this direction," Ryll said.

The fried stuffing bites are made exactly how they sound — take leftover stuffing, add cheese or Japanese bread crumbs and egg wash, fry them up and serve with an aioli dip.

"They are the best ever," Ryll said. "I think kids will like this quite a bit."

Take your leftover green bean casserole, mix the filling with turkey and cream, and place the mixture into puff pastry muffin cups. Ryll recommends using frozen puff pastry dough.

Black Friday breakfast will never be the same with turkey croquettes and frittata. The mashed potatoes can be used to make fried potato cakes served with fried egg and a turkey hash. Leftover veggies and turkey make perfect fillers for a frittata.

After everyone's gone home and the dishes have been cleaned and put away, it seems like you're stuck with Thanksgiving leftovers for days. It's almost exciting the next day, but by Sunday, you hope to never see turkey and mashed potatoes again.

When it comes to leftovers, there are the classics like turkey soup and hot turkey sandwiches.

"Turkey rice soup is always good," Boucher said. "[For] a hot turkey sandwich, I like to ... put it on some nice sourdough toasted bread."

But leftovers allow for more creative culinary thinking, too.

"There are many, many, many great things you can do," Ryll said. "That's what we do as chefs. [Leftovers are] really boring ... but as chefs we're creative."

Leftover butternut squash can become a butternut bisque with some stock and heavy cream, and your green bean casserole can easily become the mixture for quick mini pastry pies.

"I think people like leftovers," Ryll said. "Sometimes food gets better the second day and it also gives you a chance to be a little more creative with it."

Ryll has made a lot of dishes with leftovers, from transformed pot pies and casseroles to croquettes and enchiladas. He's thought of pretty much every type of Thanksgiving leftover, but can't quite figure out the yams.

"I haven't really found anything with that," he said. "There would be the challenge because they're so sweet and mushy already ... but I bet there's someone out there who would have done something already."

The next step up from turkey soup and hot sandwiches are the pot pies and casseroles.

30 minutes.
 “We served that to the [Thanksgiving] party with the president [of Southern New Hampshire University] and I got so many emails the next day,” Ryll said.

Turkey Day

Re-heat and rock it

The table is set, the sides and deserts are made, and the only thing left to deal with, if you can't bring yourself to make it ahead of time, is the bird. While some deep fry the turkey or stuff it with a duck, Chinosi recommends a new turkey trend that saves time. Spatchcocking is when you cut

out the backbone so the turkey cooks flat. “You’re saving almost 50 percent of your cooking time,” Chinosi said. “The only downside is you don’t have that classic presentation.”

Spatchcocking (though its name is unattractive) saves time, cooks the turkey evenly, prevents it from cooking too long and drying out, and results in juicy white and dark meat.

If you’re cooking a turkey the traditional way, the breast meat is up high and

so that it’s easier to pick up and turn over and that just helps — gravity helps. The fat is in the legs and the thighs and that helps keep the breast moist.”

“Also ... cook it breast-side down for first half of the cooking time. So if it’s four hours, two hours cook it breast-side down,” Boucher said. “Always put foil down between the rack and the bird so that it’s easier to pick up and turn over and that just helps — gravity helps. The fat is in the legs and the thighs and that helps keep the breast moist.”

“I also like taking the spoon or the spatula and separating the skin from the breast and putting butter in there with seasonings,” Chef Aaron Duvall of Chez Boucher Culinary Arts Training Center and Savory Square Bistro of Hampton said. “That basically is doing the same thing as cooking it upside down by adding fat where there’s a lack of it.”

Boucher said that during cooking classes around the holidays at Chez Boucher, he always answers the same three questions: “Cooking the turkey, carving the turkey and making the gravy,” he said. “Those are the big three.”

“*[With spatchcocking] you’re saving almost 50 percent of your cooking time. The only downside is you don’t have that classic presentation.*”

KRISTEN CHINOSI

Potato cakes with fried eggs and turkey red pepper hash

Leftover recipe courtesy of chef Stefan Ryll of Southern New Hampshire University. Yields four servings.

- 1 cup leftover mashed potatoes, at room temperature
- 1 large egg, plus 4 large eggs (for frying)
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon finely chopped sage
- Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 5 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ small onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, steamed, seeded and chopped
- 8 ounces diced leftover turkey meat (about 2 cups)
- ½ cup leftover turkey gravy
- ¼ cup leftover cooked corn kernels
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. In a bowl, mix potatoes, egg, and milk together until combined. Add flour, season with salt and pepper, mix until smooth. Heat two teaspoons oil on a non-stick griddle over medium heat; pour about ½ cup of the bat-



ter on the griddle, gently spread to a 4-inch wide circle, cook until golden brown (flip only once), for three to four minutes each side. Transfer to the oven to keep warm, repeat with remaining batter. Heat one tablespoon of oil in a small skillet over medium-low heat. Add onion and garlic, cook until softened (about five minutes). Add red pepper and cook until softened (about four minutes more). Add turkey, gravy and corn, cook and stir until turkey is heated enough. Season hash with salt and pepper. Stir in the parsley and keep warm over low heat. Heat the remaining teaspoon of oil on the griddle over medium-high heat and fry the four large eggs as desired. To serve, top potato cake with a fried egg with hash on the side.

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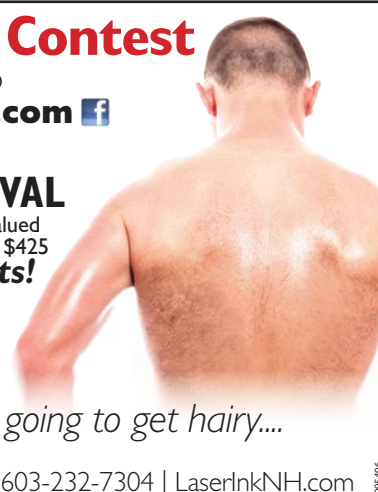
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"Gravy seems to add stress to everybody's Thanksgiving because it's always the last thing, or they save it for the last thing before everybody eats, and then everybody wants to eat and the gravy's not ready or it doesn't come out right," Boucher said. "I always start by taking the legs off, which opens up the breast completely, instead of trying to carve the breast side down in between the legs. ... You can easily take the breast meat off in its entirety and then it's a lot easier to slice off

the bird than it is on the bird. ... There's dark meat people and there's white meat people, and if you're like me, I like a little bit of both. ... The biggest thing ... is cutting against the grain, whatever the grain is, that you're not cutting these long strands of meat."

Ryll recommends cooking your green

vegetables on Thanksgiving. That way, they keep their bright green color without turning brown.

Once your guests start arriving and the turkey is out of the oven, it's time to reheat all those dishes.

““ Gravy seems to add stress to everybody's Thanksgiving because it's always the last thing... ””

CHEF RON BOUCHER

Reheating mashed potatoes? Add a little cream or milk or a bit of butter, Ryll said. Cover and let it steam in the oven.

"Never reheat above the temperature you originally cooked the item," Duvall said. "Always let it take a little bit longer to reheat at a lower temperature with stock or gravy." 🍴

Second day turkey and string bean pot pies

Leftover recipe courtesy of chef Stefan Ryll of Southern New Hampshire University. Yields four to six servings.

- 4 servings or 4 cups leftover green bean casserole
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup turkey, beef or chicken stock
- 1 cup roasted turkey meat, chopped
- 2 standard puff pastry sheets

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, lightly blend leftover green bean casserole with milk, stock and turkey. Using the puff pastry, cut out six 4-inch disks from each sheet. Lightly press the disks into the bottom and up the sides of six 1-cup muffin tins, leaving about ½-inch



crust over the edge to secure the top. Press the tines of a fork into the bottom and the sides to dock the pastry. Fill each cup with level with top and cover with another cut circle. Secure the edges by pinching together. Cut a small hole in the top of each pie for steam. Bake for 30 minutes or until the crust is golden brown.

bite-sized lessons

Mini Pumpkin Pies with Caramelized Bananas

These easy-to-prepare holiday desserts can be baked in advance and topped with caramelized banana pieces just before serving. The warm spices in this recipe pair perfectly with caramelized banana slices and seasonal pumpkin.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Yields: 16 Servings

Ingredients:

- 2 Chiquita® bananas
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin pie filling
- 16 tart shells
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp butter
- 3/4 cup chopped, toasted pecans

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Prepare pumpkin pie filling according to package directions. Spoon into tart shells and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until filling is set. Cool completely. Chill for 3 hours.
2. Cut each banana into 16 slices. Toss with brown sugar and cinnamon. Melt butter in nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add banana slices. Cook, tossing in pan, for 1 to 2 minutes or until bananas are golden brown. Before serving, top each mini pie with 2 caramelized banana slices. Garnish with chopped pecans.

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THIS WEEK

EVENTS TO CHECK OUT NOVEMBER 20 - 26, 2014, AND BEYOND



Thursday, Nov. 20

Get some ideas for holiday gifts and cocktails — or just your new favorite drink — at the **Distiller's Showcase** today from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Manchester. Tickets cost \$60. See distillersshowcase.com or see our story in the Nov. 13 issue. Go to hippopress.com and click on the current issue, then click on the calendar icon on the bottom left of the page. The story is on page 40. Or go to e-pages.dk/thehippo/398/40.

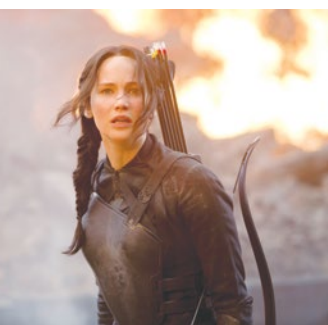


Eat: Finikia

And baklava and more — nibble some there and get some to go at the **St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St., Manchester). The event includes craft fair and flea market as well as Greek pastry sale and other treats. Contact Cindy at 315-1573.

Drink: Cider

Get a taste of the old-school New England brew as presented by **Woodchuck Cider** at a tasting on Friday, Nov. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m., at The Beer Store, 433 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-2242, thebeerstorenh.com.



Friday, Nov. 21

Looking for some entertainment this weekend that is creepy, kooky, mysterious, spooky and all-together ooky? The Peacock Players present **The Addams Family** today through Sunday, Nov. 23, at Janice B. Streeter Theater in Nashua. See peacockplayers.org or go to hippopress.com and click on the current issue, then click on the calendar icon on the bottom left and find the Nov. 13 issue; story is on page 24. Or go to e-pages.dk/thehippo/398/24.



Saturday, Nov. 22

Doris Kearns Goodwin talks about her new book *Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and the Golden Age of Journalism* today at the Barnes & Noble, 235 DW Highway in Nashua, at noon. Call 888-0533, visit barnesandnoble.com.



Tuesday, Nov. 25

Follow the yellow brick road — and follow the lyrics as you sing along to **The Wizard of Oz**, the 1939 classic starring Judy Garland, in this special presentation which will feature props, a costume contest, trivia and more, at Red River Theatres in Concord. Ticket to this sing-along presentation cost \$15 per person (\$10 for 12 and under). Pre-show starts at 5:30 p.m., movie starts at 6 p.m. Buy tickets in advance at redrivertheatres.org.

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Dance idol Misty Copeland to perform in local *Nutcracker* production

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"We have a tradition here when it comes to the role of Clara," Barbara Mullen said during an interview at the New England Dance Ensemble Londonderry studio.

Mullen, the company's artistic director, sat with 12-year-old Victoria Indelicato of Windham and 13-year-old Audrey Severn of Londonderry, two of the three Claras who will be performing in the company's rendition of *The Nutcracker* this November. Both were petite, blonde and absolutely giddy.

"I phone their parents about an hour before they come home from school. They [the students] don't know anything about this," Mullen said. "We set a specific time, maybe 3:20 p.m., when they get off the school bus, and I tell their parents to have cameras ready so they can get the girls' reaction."

"I was like, 'Oh my gosh, is this actually happening? I was shaking. I had no idea what to say,'" Severn said. "My mom was taking pictures, but I had no expression."



Audrey Severn, one of the three Claras in NEDE's *The Nutcracker*. Courtesy photo.



Sophia Coakley, one of the three Claras in NEDE's *The Nutcracker*. Courtesy photo.



Victoria Indelicato, one of the three Claras in NEDE's *The Nutcracker*. Courtesy photo.

Snagging the role of Clara is a big deal. She's the silent narrator of the prestigious ballet, and she's in every scene with every dancer, performing challenging leaps, jumps, turns and twirls at center stage.

"You have to take audiences through the entire story. You are the vehicle who takes them along the way, and they see the whole story from your point of view," Severn said.

Indelicato had a similar reaction when she got the call.

"When she told me I'd be Clara, I was speechless. I think I actually stopped talking for a few minutes," Indelicato said. "I couldn't think of anything to say because it was, like, just so incredible."

The third call went to 13-year-old Sophia Coakley of Dracut. Three Claras for three performances.

The girls didn't know it at the time, but this is going to be a spectacular year for NEDE's *The Nutcracker*. Just a few weeks ago, the girls got word that they'd perform alongside the Tom Brady of ballerinas. Misty Copeland, known to non-dancers as a judge from *So You Think You Can Dance* and the American Ballet Theatre soloist featured in Under Armour's viral video ad, will be NEDE's 2014 Sugar Plum Fairy. She'll be dancing alongside three other ABT members, including Sterling Baca, who returns to perform as Cavalier; Catherine Hurlin as the

Snow Queen/Arabian; and Sungwoo Han as the Snow King/Arabian.

NEDE has worked hard in its nearly 30 years to build a network of contacts within ABT; its mission is to combine the talents of local pre-professional dancers with professionals from national and international companies. Every year it brings well-established artists, but even Misty Copeland, Mullen said, is a little larger than life for most people.

The performances happen at the Windham High School Auditorium, twice on Saturday, Nov. 29, and then again Sunday, Nov. 30. Audience members nearly always dress up, and tickets often sell out.

See New England Dance Ensemble's *The Nutcracker*

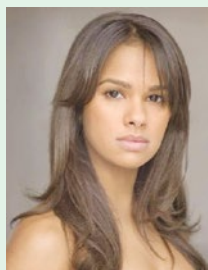
Where: Windham High School, 64 London Bridge Road, Windham

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Meet Misty Copeland



Why did you want to be part of this company's production of *The Nutcracker*?

At this point in my career, I don't have a lot of free time, but when I do have the time, I like using it to be part of small school productions. ... Going outside the company of American Ballet Theatre allows me to grow even more, and to be an individual in control of my craft. ... The school [NEDE] also has a great reputation of having past ABT dancers who've worked with them.

The young dancers seem to be very excited about working with you.

I can remember being a student. It's not like all of a sudden, your memory is erased and you can't remember being that little girl. ... I remember how exciting it was to be in the presence of someone who is a profession-

al, seeing the small nuances and details that separate a student from a professional dancer.

Will you be performing the Sugar Plum Fairy again this season?

Another reason I like doing these gigs is it gives you a chance to really get your feet wet, to get some more preparation before American Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker*. The first show is Dec. 14, and it's a two-week run.

You've done a lot off the stage; this year you released an autobiography (*Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*), you were a judge on *So You Think You Can Dance*, and then there was the Under Armour campaign. What's the thing people recognize you most for?

I think right now, it's the Under Armour ad. It's really kind of revived how people view ballet dancers, which I'm so proud of. ... Most brands that size don't think of dancers as athletes. We're not given the same kind of recognition as football players, basket-

ball players, tennis players. ... It's showing and giving respect to ballet, which we haven't always gotten, especially in America.

Why do you think the Under Armour ad resonates so well with people?

It's also an extremely positive message about self-esteem and body image and kind of accepting yourself for who you are and what you are, and knowing there are ways of making yourself into whatever it is you want to be in a healthy way, and not putting yourself in a box. ... I was considered a prodigy at 13, but it wasn't until later I realized that I was the only black woman around. Then my body started to change; I got breasts and bigger muscles, and people don't think of ballerinas like that. But I worked hard and my gift surpassed what people thought this perfect image of a ballerina was. It's a very positive message, meant to encourage children to have limitless dreams.

A couple of years ago, you presented a

TED Talk about whether ballet was a dying art form. What's your stance now?

I feel like there's been a shift within the past few years in pop culture. Ballet comes and goes in waves ... But it always finds its way back in. My experience has been, if you don't diversify ballet and invite a new generation of audience members in, then there's no way it can continue.

Diversify ballet — you mean presenting in different ways?

That's the first step. A lot of ballet dancers will look at a show like *Dancing with the Stars* and not really see the connection between us and the show. But I'm constantly saying, you have to start somewhere. *So You Think You Can Dance* has been on for 11 seasons. They've slowly introduced America to dance, and they've made a fan base of people who were not interested in dance before. ... Now it's not so intimidating. ... Not so boring. ... That's part of the diversifying — educating people on it.

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Notes from the theater scene

• **Big music, lots of color:** Symphony NH's next concert, "The Art of Color," has a few extra incentives for potential ticket-buyers. The concert happens on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m., at the Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St., Nashua. The concert is going to be huge, with seven percussionists, more than 70 orchestra members and a full chorus. The visual art theme goes with the music by Shostakovich, Ravel and Musorgsky. A pre-concert event will be held at Art With a Splash (11 Main St., Nashua) at 6 p.m., where attendees can appreciate a "laid back" painting experience (bring your own snacks and wine). Tickets for the concert are \$12 to \$48, with free tickets available to veterans and active-duty military personnel. Visit symphonynh.org or call the Symphony NH office at 595-9156 for information about Paint Night/concert ticket packages. There's also a pre-concert talk by Symphony NH bassist Robert Hoffman on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua.

• **Seacoast Rep update:** In the face of potential turmoil, support for the rebuilding of Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St., Portsmouth) has been tremendous. The theater company raised about \$50,000 in just a week for its upcoming show, *The Wizard of Oz*, which hits stage Dec. 5 through Dec. 20, and in the meantime, it's hired interim artistic director Miles Burns — who's been performing with the Rep since age 17 — and interim managing



Symphony NH's Art of Color concert happens this Saturday, Nov. 22. Courtesy photo.

director Kathleen Calvaro. The theater had recently informed the public it was in danger of closing unless it received support in time for its December productions, and is still looking for people to permanently fill those positions. Visit seacoastrep.org and the company's Facebook page to keep tabs on what's going on and for updates.

• **Another new theater company:** In other theater company news, the Red Door (107 State St., Portsmouth) has a new resident theater company called Pint-Sized Plays. The premiere performance happened Nov. 11, and the plan is for community members and artists to present productions the second Tuesday of every month. The company was conceived by actress Emily Karel and writer/director Catherine Stewart over a cup of tea earlier this year.

"We wanted to create a platform that would help people explore, devise and present new performance work ... a safe space where people can take risks, experiment and try something new without the strains of producing a full-length piece," Karel said in a recent press release. Visit facebook.com/pint-sizedplays or pint-sizedplays.filmunbound.com for more information.

— Kelly Sennott

Theater

• **OTHER DESERT CITIES** by Jon Robin Baitz, presented by Generic Theater, at The Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, through Nov. 30, shows Fri.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 7 p.m. (except Nov. 30, which is at 3 p.m.). Tickets \$15, playersring.org, 436-8123.

• **THE ADDAMS FAMILY** musical by Peacock Players, showtimes Fri., Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 22, at 2 and 7 p.m.; & Sun., Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$12-\$17, visit peacockplayers.org.

• **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES** through Nov. 30, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., presented by NH Theatre Project, at West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Tickets \$24, call 431-6644, ext. 5, email reservations@nhtheatreproject.org.

• **WINNIE THE POOH, JR.** presented by Palace Youth Theatre at 80 Hanover St., Manches-

ter, Thurs., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$12, call 668-5588, visit palacetheatre.org.

• **MOUSETRAP** by Agatha Christie at Manchester High School West Robert A. Baines Auditorium, 9 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester, Thurs., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; and Sat., Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 students. Visit theatreknights.com, call 759-8937.

• **MOMMA, IS THAT YOU?** presented by StageOne Productions Fri., Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., Nov. 23, at 11:30 a.m., at the Chateau Restaurant, 201 Hanover St., Manchester. Buffet style dinner included, call 669-5511 for ticket prices.

• **9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL** produced by Community Players of Concord, shows at Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord, Fri., Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., Nov. 23, at 2

p.m. Tickets \$14 to \$18. Visit communityplayersofconcord.org.

• **THE 25TH ANNUAL PUT-NAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE** performed by Windham Actors Guild at Windham Center School, 9 Haverhill Road, Windham, Fri., Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 23, at 2 p.m., tickets \$12-\$15, call 247-8634, windhamactorsguild.com.

• **12 ANGRY MEN** produced by Garrison Players, at Garrison Players Art Center, Route 4, Rollinsford, now through Nov. 22. Tickets \$18, call 750-4ART, garrisonplayers.org.

• **JUNIE B. JONES: THE MUSICAL** at Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, Sun., Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$12, available at rochesteroperahouse.com, by calling 335-1992.

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Art that moves

SNHU visiting artist explores physics in art

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Movement is a pretty significant part of Maine artist Kim Bernard's life.

In fact, she'd just returned from a yoga class at the time of an interview about her upcoming Southern New Hampshire University art show, on view now through Dec. 18. From yoga and dancing to martial arts, it seemed for a long time that Bernard's passions were bipolar.

"About eight years ago, I started questioning why I had two separate passions in my life and why there weren't combined in any way," Bernard said. "There was studio artwork, and then there was movement. So I made a very deliberate effort to bring those two things together so they would be one."

The result has catapulted her interests into something she didn't expect: science. Her show at SNHU, "Objects in Motion: Survey of Work by Kim Bernard," wouldn't be out of place at the SEE Science Center down the street.

All the sculptures and art on display explore movement, either literally (they're kinetic) or representationally.

A collection of wall art, "Hydrogen Atomic Orbitals," is made of arrangements of thousands of 1-inch-diameter black and red ceramic balls. They're clustered in petal-, flower- and mandala-like patterns and hang from gallery walls. They're meant to represent tangible ways to visualize quantum mechanics.

Others, like "Tertium Quid #1-3," are motorized. Standing still, they appear to be round images stacked with circular shapes. When they move, they become three-dimensional, and it's as though you're getting a birds-eye view from the top of a Dr. Seuss mountain. "Readymade Color Wheel" looks like a bicycle wheel with attached rainbow balls and explores perpetual motion (which doesn't exist) and color mixing, and "Wave Phenomena" is comprised of six panels

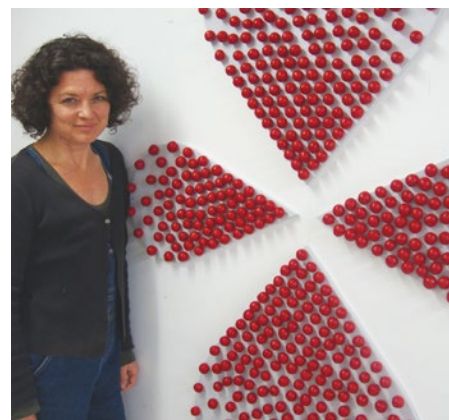
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Kim Bernard and one of her pieces from her "Hydrogen Atomic Orbitals" series. Courtesy photo.

inspired by sound vibrations as seen from the book *Cymatics* by Hans Jenny.

The exhibit, Bernard admits, is "very sciency." Bernard has shown in numerous museums and galleries, which locally includes the Currier Museum of Art and the UNH Museum of Art. She earned the 2011 Piscataqua Region Artist Advancement Grant and currently teaches at Maine College of Art and Plymouth State University.

But this work is a stretch from what she used to make — such a stretch that she's been invited to be an artist in residence at the Harvard physics department for January and February. Her sculptures have also decorated the Fuller Craft Museum, and she's recently been invited to provide an installation at the Discovery Museums in Acton, Mass.

"Because I've been doing a lot of work that involves physics, it's put me in contact with scientists who've really been teachers for me, in an informal way," Bernard said. "That's been exciting and fun and new."

Especially because, before she began this journey, this integration of art and movement, the most she knew about physics was what she learned in her 10th-grade science class.

"It kind of came in through the back door," Bernard said. "It's not like I studied it [physics] in college. I came about it through genuine interest. ... I also like the fact that when people look at my work, they can either come in with an appreciation of art and then learn something about physics as a result, or people who are comfortable with physics can leave with the appreciation of it being an art piece."

It may seem to outsiders that this new focus has limited Bernard's artwork. The way she sees it, it's given her more focus, which has enabled her to channel different kinds of creativity and interests.

"It's about how the universe works — the big questions, and how our world functions," Bernard said. "This was a very deliberate decision to make the work an exploration of something I'm very passionate and curious about."

LOCAL — COLOR — NH art world news

• **Abstract drive:** The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's (6 Washington Square, Dover, 742-2002, childrens-museum.org) most recent exhibition, "Driven to Abstraction," curated by Tess Feltes, invites viewers to solve visual puzzles and decode their messages. It's on view Nov. 22 through March 1 and includes work by regional artists Barbara Albert, Ross Batchelder, Taintor Child, Eve Corey, Elizabeth Doherty, Soosen Dunholter, Tina Fazio, Roger Goldenberg, Kate Higley, Ethel Hills, Lotus Lein, Alex Smyrnos, Diane Stradling and Pamela Tarbell.

"Many people look at artwork and ask themselves, 'What is this all about?' It can feel like a guessing game but the fun of abstract art is that *your* answer is right because it's what *you* see, think and feel," Feltes said in a press release. No admission fee is required to view the exhibition (which can be seen during business hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. through 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and includes viewer activities), but regular admission is required to explore the rest of the museum.

• **Arts in Education roster:** Five teaching artists joined the New Hampshire State Arts Council's Arts in Education roster: David Fichter, who specializes in painted murals, mosaic and theater sets; Roger Goldenberg, a professional visual and jazz artist; Chris Klaxton, a jazz musician and band leader; Taylor O'Donnell, a contemporary jazz vocalist; and Elizabeth Van Saun, a mosaic artist. The roster is a resource of professional artists who bring new ideas, skills and creativity to schools and communities in the state. Visit nh.gov/nharts.

Hanover St., Manchester, led by Grammy Award-winning conductor John McLaughlin Williams. Showtimes are Fri., Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 29, at 11 a.m., 4 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., Nov. 30, at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 to \$45; call 668-5588.

• **KISS ME, KATE** performed by StageCoach Productions Fri., Dec. 5, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 6, at 8 p.m.; and Sun., Dec. 7, at 2 p.m., at Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua. Tickets \$20, visit stagecoachproductions.org, call 320-3780.

• **NUTCRACKER BALLET** performed by Turning Pointe Center of Dance Sat., Dec. 13, at 2 p.m., at Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. More than 60 boys and girls ranging in age, 13 to 18 years

old, perform; tickets \$15, call 485-8710.

Auditions/open calls

• **AUDITIONS: STEEL MAGNOLIAS** Sat., Nov. 22, for Leddy Center for the Performing Arts, 38C Ladd's Lane, Epping, info@leddycenter.org, leddycenter.org, 679-2781, all 6 women parts open. Call to make audition appointment. Shows March 20 through March 29.

• **AUDITIONS: THE TALE OF THE ALLERGIST'S WIFE** by Community Players of Concord, Sun., Nov. 30, at 5 p.m., and Mon., Dec. 1, at 6 p.m., at Players' Studio, 435 Josiah Bartlett Road, Concord. Five roles needed, visit communityplayersofconcord.org/auditions for audition details. Email jbw1026@aol.com.



"Lily Pond Series #10" by Pam Tarbell, on view at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. Courtesy image.

• **CASA cards:** If you want to play a role in helping CASA — Court Appointed Special Advocates, who recruit, train and supervise volunteers to serve as advocates for New Hampshire's abused and neglected children — you can purchase a holiday card designed by a local artist. Each year, CASA solicits art from people of all ages around the state to be featured in its annual greeting card program, with chosen ones available for viewing at casanh.org/cards, and ordering by calling Lindsay Feinman at 626-4600. Proceeds go to CASA.

• **Made with Ingredient L:** A New Hampshire and Vermont group of artists recently created a small business called Ingredient L, which works from an online platform and features locally handmade goods. Everything featured was made with love ("Ingredient L"), from wooden earrings made from reclaimed furniture, constructed by Lylee Heart, to wooden toy trucks and building block sets made by Lindley Brainard. The company's website launch coincides with the start of the holiday shopping season; view handmade rugs, candle holders, jewelry, toys, home goods and more at ingredientl.com.

— Kelly Sennott

ART

• **BROKE: THE AFFORDABLE ARTS FAIR** at Peterborough Town Hall, 1 Grove St., Peterborough, Sat., Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., all work under \$50. Followed by Glass Museum Fall Concert, which has \$15 cover. Call 398-1994, email brokearts@gmail.com.

• **SALMON FALLS HOLIDAY OPEN STUDIOS** Sat., Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun., Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at 1 Front St., Rollinsford, artwork, jewelry, sculpture, prints, photography, cards, furniture, handcrafts, etc. More than 60 resident and guest artists, artisans, businesses. Visit millartists.com, call 749-8879.

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info@550arts.com, Sat., Nov. 22, noon-5 p.m. Curated collection of quality local artisans represented. No admission fee, "seconds" pottery sale also happens this time, proceeds go to Craft Emergency Relief Fund.

• **CONTOOCOOK ARTISANS HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** Fri., Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sat., Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 354 Main St., Hopkinton. Pottery, paintings, stained glass, folk art, beadwork, quilts, Shaker items, gifts, wreaths, dried arrangements, dolls, children's toys; part of "Starry Starry Weekend."

Exhibit openings

• **"OBJECTS IN MOTION: SURVEY OF WORK BY KIM BERNARD"** on through Dec. 18 at Southern New Hampshire University, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Opening reception/artist talk Thurs., Nov. 20, 5-7 p.m. 629-4622, snhu.edu/art.

• **"M.C. ESCHER: REALITY AND ILLUSION"** exhibition on view at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, through Jan. 5. Currier After Hours: Build Your Night Thurs., Dec. 4, 6-9 p.m. Requires extra \$5 admission charge.

• **MELISSA ANNE MILLER** presents new exhibition at McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord, called "A New View: Work From the Loft Studio at Orr & Reno," on view through Dec. 19. Miller celebrates her 20th year with the gallery. Reception Fri., Nov. 21, 5-7 p.m.

• **"COLOR!"** exhibition at Main Street Art, 75 Main St., Newfields, on view through Dec. 31, with art by Gaby Grossman and Rose Bryant. Reception Fri., Nov. 21, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Call 580-5835, email mainstreetart@mainstreetart.org, visit mainstreetart.org.

In the galleries

• **"SEPARATE JOURNEYS"** exhibition at East Colony Fine Art, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 621-7400, eastcolony.com, on view through Nov. 22.

• **"TEN!"** 10th anniversary for Sullivan Framing and Fine Art Gallery, 15 N. Amherst Road, Bedford, 471-1888, on view now through Nov. 22, celebrating 10 years of business. More than 25 of gallery's best-selling artists will have art on display, nearly 100 paintings available. Email amy@sullivanframing.com, call 471-1888.

• **JEANNIE GRIFFIN-PETERKA** shows artwork at Rochester Public Library, presented by Rochester Museum of Fine Art, 65 S. Main St., Rochester, now through Nov. 29. Visit rochestermfa.org.

• **"MUSE & MEDIUM"** exhibition at Brush Art Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell, thebrush.org, 978-459-7819, now through Nov. 29. Mixed media collage artist and sculptor Jeanette O'Connor and photographic artist Coleman Rogers.

• **"THE ROAD NOT TAKEN"** fine art exhibit inspired by poetry of Robert Frost at Peterborough Town Library, 2 Concord St., Peterborough, 924-8040, designed by three Derry artists, Ingeborg V. Seaboyer, Judy Krassowski and Corinne Dodge, features 20-30 works that reflect personal interpretations of the work, on view through Nov. 30.

• **NHIA ALUMNI EXHIBITION** at Kimball Jenkins Estate/School of Art at 260 N. Main St., Concord, on view now through Nov. 30. 60 pieces of artwork, variety of media.

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• **TALL GRANITE BIG BAND** 17-member band performs two classic and contemporary swing music concerts, benefit the Concord Cold Weather Shelter Program, Fri., Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Concord's First Congregational Church, 177 North Main St., Concord, \$10 suggested donation, 225-5491; and Sun., Nov. 23, at 2 p.m., at Concord's South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant St., Concord, \$10 suggested donation, 224-2521.

• **SNHU WIND SYMPHONY: MUSIC FOR CELEBRATION AND DANCE** concert at Dining Center Banquet Hall, Southern NH University, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester, Fri., Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.

• **UNH OPERA WORKSHOP** performances of *La Boheme* Fri., Nov. 21, at 8 p.m., and Sat., Nov. 22, at 8 p.m., at Bratton Recital Hall, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Scenes from all four acts, free, open to public. Visit unh.edu/music, call 862-2404.

• **THE ART OF COLOR** Symphony NH concert Sat., Nov. 22, at 8 p.m., at Keefe Center for the Arts, 117 Elm St., Nashua, tickets \$12 to \$48, 595-9156, symphonynh.org. Shostakovich, Ravel, Mussorgsky, accompanied by Symphony NH Chorus and New World Chorale, both directed by Holly Krafka. Paint Night with Art with a Splash, 11 Main St., Nashua, prior to the event at 6 p.m.

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Holiday "treet's"

Sticks & Stones Farm gets festive before the holidays

By Austin Sorette
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People from all over the state are getting ready to make their trek out to the rural New Hampshire woods to get themselves in the Christmas spirit. Barbara Comtois, co-owner of the Sticks & Stones farm in Barnstead, said this makes the perfect time for the farm to host its annual Festival of Trees.

The festival, which will be celebrating its fourth year from Friday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 23, always takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving, Comtois said, and it started as a way to raise funds for the Greater Lakes Child Advocacy Center.

Every year since the festival's inception, Sticks & Stones Farm has invited a variety of local businesses, organizations and individuals to come and decorate trees to display outside. Attendees check out all of the decorated trees and cast their votes for their favorites.

"A lot of events [this time of year] are inside, and we're out in the country where there are not a lot of city lights to obscure the view," said Comtois. "During the day, the trees aren't lit up as much, but at

Festival of Trees

Where: Sticks & Stones Farm, 107 White Oak Road, Barnstead

When: Friday, Nov. 21, from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 23, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person; \$20 maximum family cost

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Visit: sticksandstonesfarm.net



Carols come straight from the 19th century to the Festival of Trees in Barnstead. Courtesy photo.

night you can really see the lights."

The festival usually hosts about 50 decorated trees. This year, Comtois said, the festival will be featuring some veteran groups such as the Laconia and Barnstead police departments, Combustion Motorworks, White Buffalo Trading Post, Awakening Chiropractic, the Barnstead Christian Church and Abbey Run Construction, amongst others. The festival will also welcome newcomers such as the Plymouth State Women's Lacrosse Team and Jack's Pizza.

The trees typically have some sort of conventional decoration on them, like lights, ornament balls and ribbon. But some of the trees feature some more unorthodox decorations.

"One year we had a hair salon here and they decorated their trees with curlers and decorated dye bottles. We had a dental company who decorated their trees with toothpaste and other dental things," said Comtois. "This is a way to let people know about your organization."

After the judging is finished, the trees are donated by the Laconia Police Department to families in need. The festival will also be running a collection box if attending families have winter apparel that they would like to donate, such as mittens, hats and lightly worn coats.

Caroling is also a popular feature of the festival, Comtois said. On Friday, the Tri-M Music Honor Society from Prosepect Mountain High School will

be belting out your favorite yuletide tunes. On Saturday, the festival hosts the Piccolo Opera singing Christmas carols while they're dressed in period costumes that look as though they've come straight from a Charles Dickens novel.

The festival will also offer a variety of other things including cookies, cocoa, cider, a photo opportunity with Santa, wagon rides around the farm, and roasting marshmallows, which Comtois said is the most popular activity amongst adults. The animals on the farm will be out too.

"It's a great place for families to kick off the holiday season before things start to get really hectic," she said. 🍂

Crafts

Fairs/Exhibits

• **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** at Holy Cross Church (187 Hampstead Road, Derry) on Sat., Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fair will feature over 40 crafters from all over New England, a penny sale, children's area, Christmas decorations, breakfast and lunch items and more. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 475-2455.

• **STE MARIE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** at Ste Marie Church (378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester, 361-3992) on Sat.,

Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 35 vendors over 50 door prizes. Items that can be bought include tupperware, handmade jewelry, wood carving, pens and letter openers, handmade quilts and much more.

• **HANDMADE ARTS MARKET** at Studio 550 Arts Center (550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com) on Sat., Nov. 22, from noon to 5 p.m. Studio 550 is looking for craftsmen who will demonstrate their craft during the market. Applications will be accepted at 550arts.com/opportunities.

• **"ASK THE EXPERT: CURI-**

OUS ABOUT YOUR OLD QUILT?" at Warner Town Hall (5 E. Main St., Warner) on Sat., Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. The public may bring in their quilts to be commented on, but there will be no written or verbal appraisals. Admission for the talk costs \$10. Comments for your quilt costs \$5.

• **HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET** hosted by the New Boston Farmers Market at the New Boston Library (67 Mont Vernon Road, New Boston) on Sat., Nov. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out all locally made products, food and holiday wreaths.

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• **AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT 2014 TOUR** at various locations around New Hampshire from Sun., Nov. 30 through Fri., Dec. 5. Check out sections of the quilt which will be on display for public viewing. Call 313-0052 or contact susan.macneil@asmr-online.org.

Other

• **INTRODUCTION TO ZENTANGLE** at the League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery (98 Main St., Nashua) on Sat., Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$30 with materials included, and is open to craftspeople ages 12 and older. Call 595-8233 or contact nashuarg@nhcrafts.org.

• **RENAISSANCE ZENTANGLE** at the League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Gallery (98 Main St., Nashua) on Sun., Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Use tan paper tiles, earthy colors, blacks and whites to create your finished product. The cost is \$30 with materials included, and is open to craftspeople ages 12 and older. Call 595-8233 or contact nashuarg@nhcrafts.org.

OUT KIDDIE

— POOL —

Family fun for the weekend

Showtime!

It's the **Addams Family!** Don't miss your chance to see TV's most ghoulish family on the big stage at the Peacock Players (14 Court St., Nashua) Friday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 23. The musical comedy is rated PG. The price of tickets is on a sliding scale starting at \$12. Call 886-7000 or visit peacockplayers.org.

Solve the mystery of the Agatha Christie tale **Mousetrap** at the Manchester High School West Robert A Baines Auditorium (9 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester) from Thursday, Nov. 20, through Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$6 for students. Call 759-8937 or visit theatre-knights.com.

Birds I view

Feast your eyes on a live **birds of prey show** at the Massabesic Audubon Center (26 Deerneck Road, Auburn) on Saturday, Nov. 22. There will be two different shows, one from noon to 1 p.m., the other from 2 to 3 p.m. A licensed rehabilitator and biologist will present raptor species such as a bald eagle, a turkey vulture and more. The cost is \$7 for members, \$12 for non-members, \$15 for member families, and \$30 for non-member families. Call 668-2045 or visit nhaudubon.org.

Robot attack

Do you have what it takes to Lego? Don't miss the Concord **FIRST Lego League Regional Tournament** at Bishop Brady High School (25 Columbus Ave., Concord) on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 9 a.m. Teams can register to bring in their robots for a series of endurance tests, and spectators can watch the action for free. This tournament is a qualifier tournament for the New Hampshire FIRST Lego League state tournament. Donations will be accepted for the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire. Visit bbrobotics.org.

Festive fun

Get your decorations before you get the tree. The Currier Museum Art Center (150 Ash St., Manchester) is hosting a **holiday**



ornaments workshop on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Design and glaze your own festive ornament, leave it to be fired and come pick it up after two weeks. The cost is \$25 per student. Recommended for parents and children ages 5 and older. Call 669-6144 or visit currier.org.

Travel back in time for an **old-fashioned Thanksgiving on the Farm** at the New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Hwy., Milton) on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m. Enjoy homemade pumpkin pie, horse-drawn wagon rides through the fields, visits with the farm animals, popcorn at the campfire, and living history farmhouse tours with costumed role-players. The cost is \$6 for museum members, \$10 for non-members; \$3 for member children, \$5 for non-member children. Call 652-7840 or visit farmmuseum.org.

The big screen

Spend your afternoon at the movies. Stop by the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) for a special **movie screening** of *Planes: Fire & Rescue* on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 2 to 3:25 p.m. The movie is rated PG. The event is free and open to the public.

Tonight's Sky is the same as a snowflake: you'll never see the same thing twice. The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive, Concord) is hosting a screening of the show on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Learn about what's happening in space, visit stars and planets, and explore the galaxy all in a single afternoon. Tickets for the show cost \$5 with admission to the museum.

M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E

Mickey and Minnie Mouse will be stopping by Cowabunga's (1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett) for a bounce-filled day on Friday, Nov. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. Don't miss out on picture time, games and interactive fun. Tinkerbell will also be there to do special crafts. The cost is \$10 per child, free admission for parents and non-walkers. Please don't forget to wear socks. Call 625-8008 or visit mycowabungas.com.

Miscellaneous

Fundraisers
• **CHILD FUND-RAISING EVENT DINNER** at Coach House Restaurant, at New London Inn (353 Main St., New London) on Thurs., Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from meals purchased will

support the Wilmot Community Association and the Wilmot Learning Place. Participants should make reservations at the restaurant. Call 526-7934 or visit wilmotcommunityassociation.org.
• **HOLIDAY VENDOR BINGO** at the McLaughlin

Middle School Cafeteria (290 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester) on Fri., Nov. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Prizes include jewelry, food, candles, wreaths, purses and more. Baked goods, a 50-50 raffle and a gift card tree raffle will also be available. The cost is \$5 per bingo set. All the pro-

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IN/OUT TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,

We wanted to share this with you in hopes that you might have seen one before. We know this is an oil lamp, but the vessel on the side is what we don't know about. As you can see from the photo, it's attached but seems to serve no purpose. We were thinking it's to hold the wicks, but as I said we are not sure. Any help would be appreciated.

Tammy and Rob of Bedford

Dear Tammy and Bob,

First I want to say I had never seen an oil lamp like this until your photo. This is why I love doing what I do. It's an education every day.

Your oil lamp is one of many. They have been around for thousands of years in one shape or form, for the purpose of lighting before we had electricity. Yours could easily be from around the early 1900s.

Without markings on them or an identifiable style, it's hard to figure out who actually made the common ones such as this and the exact date they were made. But I will tell you that even though the style of yours is common, I had never seen what I think is a match holder and striker like on your lamp. I can't imagine many were made because to me fire would be an issue. Putting matches together with oil would not have been a good idea — which is probably why I hadn't see this before myself.

I did some research for you and found a



few, but again, no maker — just makers of the burners and shades but not for the lamp itself. The prices were between \$40 and \$125. And most of what I found out was that they were rare (and we can see why). I would say the value on it is correct but may be even a little higher to a collector of oil lamps who doesn't have one yet.

I hope you're keeping your treasure, because oddities are always fun and a good investment in the long run. I hope you found this helpful.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

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Expos/festivals/fairs

• **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY FAIR** at the Congregational Church of Amherst (11 Church St., Amherst) on Sat., Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find unique gift items and other treats including fresh Maine balsam door wreaths, custom-designed pewter ornaments, Vermont cheddar cheese, used books, American Girl doll clothes, handmade knits, and much more. Visit ccamherst.com.

• **36TH ANNUAL SNOW-FLAKE FAIR** at Longmeadow Church (4 Wilson's Crossing, Auburn) Sat., Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will feature hand crafted items, an antique treasures, cookie walk, candy table, snack bar and Santa. Call 483-8388.

Library

• **ESSENTIAL OILS-AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BENEFITS** at the Peterborough Town Library (2 Concord St., Peterborough) on Thurs., Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Learn about basic recipes, storage, benefits

to physical wellness, aroma therapy, and more. The workshop is free and open to the public. Call 924-8040 or contact library@townofpeterborough.us.

• **"GET FESTIVE WITH A THANKSGIVING CENTER-PIECE"** at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St., Amherst) on Thurs., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. Learn helpful tips on how to create colorful seasonal arrangements for your turkey day celebration. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Call 673-2288 or contact library@amherstlibrary.org.

• **MEMORY CAFE** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on Fri., Nov. 21, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This monthly gathering will host people with early memory loss and their caregivers. This month's theme is "veterans." The cost is free and open to the public. Call 589-4610 or visit tinyurl.com/nplevents.

Other

• **FREE DEVICE WORKSHOP** at U.S. Cellular (946 S. Willow St., Manchester) on Thurs., Nov. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 622-1033.

• **NH'S ENERGY FUTURE**

at Cochecho Country Club (145 Gulf Road, Dover, NH, info@nhsea.org) on Fri., Nov. 21, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Hear the experts from around the state about what the major energy challenges are and what solutions and strategies are underway.

• **MANCHESTER MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1984: 30TH REUNION** at the Radisson Hotel (700 Elm St., Manchester) on Fri., Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. Register at facebook.com/mmhsclassof1984 or contact memorialhighschoolclassof1984@comcast.net.

• **WEST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994: 20TH REUNION** at McIntyre Ski Area Lodge (50 Chalet Way, Manchester) on Fri., Nov. 28, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets cost \$40. Visit manchwesthigh94.reunionmanager.com to register. Contact westhighreunion1994@gmail.com with questions.

• **COFFEE WITH A COP** at the Library Living Room at NHTI (31 College Dr., Concord) on Tues., Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. Learn about relationships between the community and police. Free and open to the public. Call 271-6484 or visit nhti.edu.

Manchester gets psyched

Williams talks new show and embracing skepticism

By Austin Sorette
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Lisa Williams says she has the ability to operate as both a psychic — one who has the ability to see into the future — as well as a medium — someone who can help people move forward after a loved one has passed on and connect with them from another world. It just depends on what day it is and what mood you catch her in.

“People often ask me which I prefer. I always say I like both, and I think it’s because I just like getting into people’s lives and helping them out,” Williams said during a recent phone interview. “The energy is very much different. Communicating with spirits is a very heavy, intense energy with a lot of depth to it. Psychic energy is a much lighter energy — easier, in a way.”

Williams has taken that energy and brought it from her home in England to American audiences with two television shows on the Lifetime channel as well as three books. Williams said she has continued to tour to present her ability and is currently working on a fourth book, which is more of a novel.

Williams will be at the Palace Theatre on Friday, Nov. 21. During her show, Williams said, she will discuss her abilities, followed by a connection with spirits to the members of the audience.

“We have a lot of fun with it,” Williams said. “A lot of people think it’s heavy, emotional with a lot of crying, but it’s really not.”

Williams said she first got into the public limelight when she was “on a vacation” to America from England in 2004. She had been working as a psychic for over 20 years, and during her visit she met and performed a reading on Merv Griffin. Griffin, she said, was impressed by her ability and was interested in creating a television show about her life called *Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead*.

The show focused on her everyday life of helping relay inspirational messages from deceased relatives to their loved ones.

“Obviously we’ve all lost someone,” she said. “[The readings] are supposed to offer hope and comfort feelings knowing that life doesn’t stop, it is just a continuation.”

In her most recent book *I Speak to Dead People: Can You?*, Williams said, she addresses a frequent question that is asked of her: How does one become a psychic medium?



Lisa Williams. Courtesy photo.

Williams said that while not everybody possesses the mediumship ability, that shouldn’t necessarily deter them from looking for signs that their loved ones might try to be sending.

“People always want to see signs that their loved ones are around them,” she said. “You’ve just got to look for something that happens. Maybe you’ll see two ducks swimming together in a pond, something you don’t see all the time. When you’ve got a sign, it really is a sign that a loved one is coming around. I’m trying to give them the tools to help them see the signs and interpret what they mean.”

Of course, the psychic field doesn’t function without its share of skeptics. Williams said her father was one of the biggest skeptics during her time as a psychic medium. But instead of ignoring the skeptics, Williams said, she embraces the criticism.

“Skeptics are everywhere,” she said. “Skeptics question things all the time, but they also make us question everything, and that’s what makes me a better medium. The general criticism is that what we say is too general. Understand that there are some generalities when it comes to death. Like if someone has passed with cancer, there’s likely to be chemotherapy involved. ... There are elements that are just general in themselves.”

On the other side of the spectrum, Williams said, there is a way to spot a phony psychic.

“If somebody asks too many questions ... for example, a psychic will say, ‘What happened to your dad or your mom, when did they pass?’ If you feel they’re asking too many questions, it’s time not to believe,” she said. Williams also does private readings and says that the depth of the reading changes from the big stage to the small readings.

“I really love doing private readings because you feel like you’re getting that connection with somebody, but it’s fun being on stage too.” 🍷

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Reasoning behind anti-coasting comments explained



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

My husband and I have a real bone to pick with you after an answer you gave on the radio a couple of weeks ago. A woman called in saying a guy-friend of hers insisted that when slowing to a stop, she should shift down through each gear, from fifth to first, as she stops. She said that she never does that. Instead, she puts the car in neutral right away and lets it roll to a stop. You said they were both wrong! You said the guy-friend was wrong because the clutch would wear out faster, and it costs more to fix than the brakes. You said she was wrong, too, but you didn't say why! This is driving us nuts! Why is it wrong to put the car in neutral and coast when you see a stop up ahead?

— Lee

You are right that we've never recommended shifting down through all of the gears when coming to a stop. That's excessive. While it does save some wear on the brakes, it uses up a lot of your clutch disc over time. And as Ricky Ricardo would say: Clutches are 'sensitive, Lucy! On the other hand, if you just pop the transmission

into neutral, you give up all the natural engine braking. And you lose the ability to accelerate suddenly in an emergency if you need to.

This is how I do it: If I'm driving along at 40 mph in fourth gear and see a red light up ahead, I just let up on the gas and use the brake as needed, leaving the car in gear. That way, I get some help with slowing the car from the natural engine braking (which takes advantage of compression, and does no harm to the engine). And if someone swerved at me or was suddenly heading at me from the other direction and I needed to get out of the way quickly, I'd be able to accelerate without having to first fumble for the shifter. Then, when I get down to 10 or 15 mph, I push in the clutch and put the car in neutral and brake to a stop.

Now, you may ask: Is that scenario where you suddenly need to accelerate again a likely one? No. Has it ever happened to me? No. So you're not committing a crime against car-manity by coasting in neutral. But if I were teaching a new driver, that's the way I would do it, to maximize control over the car.

Dear Car Talk:

I'm retiring soon and will lose the 38-year luxury of having a company vehi-

cle. I am looking for a good, used, 3/4-ton, 4-by-4, extended-cab, long-bed pickup. How far back can I safely go to have a decent electronic ignition and fuel-injected vehicle in a Chevy, Ford or Dodge? — Mark

Well, fuel injection and electronic ignition have been around since the 1980s, Mark. So unless you're looking for something you saw on "Sanford and Son," you'll get electronic ignition and fuel injection.

The question is, How far can you go back and get a good, reliable used car or truck? If you're looking for a truck that you're going to keep for a while, I would suggest that you stay within the past decade. It's not that there aren't exceptions; there are some great, low-mileage older cars out there. But once you get beyond 10 years, most vehicles are not far from stepping onto the stairway to heapdom.

If your budget allows, I would actually suggest you stay within the past five years. That way, you also can be up to date on the latest (or almost latest) safety features, like stability control, better impact protection and occupant-sensing air bags. You'll probably get better fuel economy, too.

And, last but hardly least, if you get

something within the past five years or so, you'll be able to plug your iPhone into the stereo system. Isn't that what really matters now?

Two caveats: One is that I'd suggest you avoid the '04-'07 Ford F-150s with the Triton engines. They had the unfortunate habit of fusing their spark plugs to their engine blocks, making a spark-plug change a \$2,500 job. It may not happen to you, but it's happened to a bunch of people.

And the second caveat: Whatever truck you consider, have it checked out thoroughly by a mechanic of your choice before you buy it. Any particular Chevy, Ford or Dodge truck from the past five or 10 years could be a wonderful truck, just as any particular truck could be a disaster about to happen. You won't be able to tell which is which. But a good mechanic will. So spend \$100 and have any potential purchase gone over professionally and carefully.

According to an editor's note regarding Car Talk, Ray Magliozzi will continue to write this column but in a single-author format. His brother, Tom, with whom he co-wrote the column, died Nov. 4 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Visit Cartalk.com. 🍌

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IN/OUT THE GARDENING GUY

Tool time

Storing garden tools for the winter

By Henry Homeyer
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60-year old shovel ready for annual linseed oil treatment. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

By now most of us have put our gardens to bed. I've yanked the vegetable carcasses from my garden and piled the decaying bodies on the burn pile. I've cut down some of my perennial flowers, although I've left others to stand proud in winter and offer seeds to the finches and chickadees. I've pulled some of the weeds in my flower beds, and pretty much gotten them out of the vegetable garden. I'm in the process of chopping up the leaves on the lawn, and hope to rake them onto a big blue tarp on the next sunny day and use them as a winter blanket in the vegetable garden.

What I have not done, and am betting you have not done either, is to get my tools ready for winter. It's always one of the last things I do before my annual hibernation. This is a good time to work on your tools.

As a man of certain age — past 60 that is — most of my tools have wooden handles. Yes, I have a few new fiberglass-handled tools, but many of my tools were used by my grandfather and/or my parents before me. I treasure them knowing that three generations of sweat has seeped into the wood, giving the tools a nice dark polished look. That patina is enhanced by an annual application of boiled linseed oil.

Late each fall I take some time to polish the wooden handles of my hand tools and sharpen the blades, where appropriate. Using medium to fine grit sandpaper I rub out any rough spots or potential splinters on the wooden handles. Then I polish the handles a little more with some fine steel wool and wipe them clean. Lastly, I use a paintbrush to apply several coats of linseed oil and let it soak in. That keeps the handles from drying out — and a well-oiled handle rarely breaks or gives splinters.

My father always painted some red "Rustoleum" paint on the metal parts of garden tools to make them easier to find and to identify them as his. I found one of his old shovels in the back of the barn this year and saw that the handle was dry and cracked; I had not used it or maintained it in years. I sandpapered the many rough spots before polishing with steel wool and then applying three coats of linseed oil. I just kept reapplying the oil until it stopped soaking in.

Hoes and shovels work best when kept sharp. You can sharpen them on a bench grinder or with a rough file or a whetstone. I have a grinder with a stone wheel but rarely use it — it's too easy to take off too much metal. Before sharpening a tool, study the angle of the blade. Hoes and shovels are only sharpened on one side (the inside) and all you need to do is mimic the original angle, drawing the stone or file over the blade in consistent, even strokes.

A wire brush is a good tool for cleaning up

the metal blades of tools; I use it to get off rust. I like to use a rag with a little linseed oil on it to oil the metal. Something like WD-40 would work, too, and even get off some rust, but I don't particularly want to introduce chemicals and petroleum products to my soil next spring, even in small quantities.

Most hand tools nowadays have plastic handles that require no maintenance, and edges of steel so tough that sharpening is not required. But it makes sense to wipe off accumulated grime with a moist cloth and get any dirt off the blades.

Lawnmowers, chain saws and string trimmers can use a little maintenance at this time of the year, too. Even though gas stabilizers are sold, most small engine mechanics I have spoken to suggest just running your machines until all the gas is used up rather than introducing an additive. That requires some planning, especially for riding mowers that can hold lots of gas. But gas loses some of its oomph over the winter — the volatile elements evaporate and escape, so it is best to empty the tank.

If you can tip your mower on its side to clean out the accumulated grass that is attached to the mower deck, great. I know that some mowers also have ports where you can attach a hose to blast the grass off (my riding mower came with one) but I find they don't really do the job, especially if you don't do it every time you use the machine. Even reaching under the mower when it is off and cold and pulling out the grass helps, or scraping with a putty knife. What you don't want is accumulated gunk that holds moisture, causing your mower to rust.

Cleaning up my machines and tools is not very high on my list of fun things to do on a Saturday morning. But I recognize that doing so will extend their lives and, for wood-handled tools, add to my enjoyment of them next spring. So have at it. Your grandchildren may use some of your tools one day, if you keep them well maintained.

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Why breakfast is so important

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Most of us can recall
being told that breakfast is
the most important meal of
the day. But why is that?

Could it be that eggs,
bacon, orange juice or coffee
have special properties that other meals
don't afford?

Does a full stomach on the way to work
really make a difference when heading
into a busy day?

When we're talking about meals, it's
not just about what we eat. Scheduling
and timing of when we chow down
is as equally important to the actual food
content.

The secret behind breakfast is what
occurs before we have it; we're usually at
rest for between six and nine hours.

Each day your body goes through a
metabolic cycle. You rise, expend energy
throughout the day's activities, become
fatigued and then sleep.

While dozing off, myriad physiolog-
ic processes occur to help ready us for
the next day's activities. Your metabo-
lism also slows down tremendously, and
the body utilizes stored carbohydrates to
help stay alive.

Conversely, during the day, a healthy
meal schedule involves having at least
three moderately sized meals (breakfast,
lunch, and dinner), accompanied by two
to three small snacks spread between
each regular sit down feeding (snack
mid-morning, mid-afternoon, and poten-
tially something after an early dinner).

It's important to eat every two to three
hours, whether that is in the form of a
regular meal or just a snack. When you
go more than three hours without eating,
your focus and energy drops, mood can
be negative and irritable and ability to
work hard diminished.

Taking this fact into consideration,
being at rest for an evening without con-
suming food makes a solid breakfast
that much more important to have each
morning.

If you find yourself waking up and still
feeling very tired, it may not just be due
to a lack of a good night's rest or enough
time sleeping. It could very well have to
do with your eating patterns the previous
day or two.

Oversleeping isn't an accident. It's
triggered by a number of factors that are
primarily linked to your metabolism and
overall energy consumption.

A solid breakfast need not be elaborate



but should be composed of a few differ-
ent things.

It should contain a mix of complex car-
bohydrates containing fiber (wheat bread,
biscuit, multi-grain bagel or baked home
fries), some nutrient-dense simple sugars
(fruit), protein (egg whites, lean or low-
salt bacon or ham, lentils such as beans)
and a small amount of unsaturated fats
(heart-healthy butter or margarine, low fat
cheese).

If you're running behind to get out the
door, avoid going to fast food restaurants
as their breakfast options are usually high
in saturated fats, sodium and low-quality
refined sugars.

Instead, grab a piece of fruit or bring
a glass of OJ with some peanut butter
smeared on a bagel.

Missing your first meal of the day has
negative consequences not just on how
you feel, but your mood state and work
productivity. You may find yourself con-
stantly trying to "catch up" and having a
sense of anxiety.

When you eat is just as important as
how you eat. Make sure you start the day
off the right way and you'll see it has a
positive effect on the outcome in many of
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The holiday season is all in how you craft it. Don't miss out on special crafts just in time for Christmas, and The Hippo will show you just where to find them.

- The Women's Association is hosting its holiday fair at the Congregational Church of Amherst (11 Church St., Amherst) on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find unique gift items and other treats including fresh Maine balsam door wreaths, custom-designed pewter ornaments, Vermont cheddar cheese, used books, American Girl doll clothes, handmade knits and much more. Visit ccamherst.com.
- The holidays come to Holy Cross Church (187 Hampstead Road, Derby) during its Christmas craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fair will feature over 40 crafters from all over New England, a penny sale, children's area, Christmas decorations, breakfast and lunch items and more. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 475-2455.
- St. Marie Church (378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester, 361-3992) will be hosting its Christmas craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 35 vendors over 50 door prizes. Items that can be bought include tupperware, handmade jewelry, wood carving, pens and letter openers, handmade quilts and more.
- Enjoy a handmade arts market at Studio 550 Arts Center (550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com) on Saturday, Nov. 22, from noon to 5 p.m. Studio 550 is looking for craftsmen who will demonstrate their craft during the market. Applications will be accepted at 550arts.com/opportunities.

If you've got a craft fair listing you would like to submit for publication, send it to listings@hippopress.com.

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Museums & Tours
History & museum events
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• **WINTER CELEBRATION** at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner, NH, 03278, 456-3244, indianmuseum.org) on Sat., Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Listen to storytelling, a talk on the Native language, paint a gourd craft, sample Native American foods, and more.

Nature & Gardening

Animals/insects

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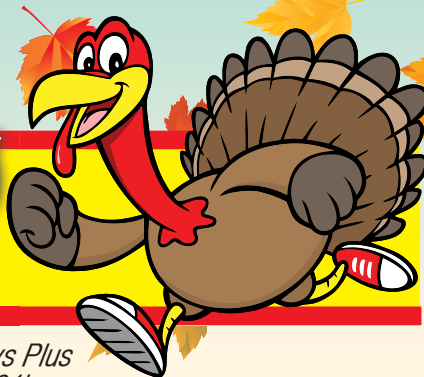
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• **NOFA-NH thanks Janet Wilkinson:**

Last week, Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire announced that its executive director, Janet Wilkinson, will be leaving her position at the organization at the end of the year. Wilkinson is the first-ever executive director of the organization, which has grown to expand its offerings, leadership, systems and membership under Wilkinson's direction. A press release from NOFA-NH that announced Wilkinson's resignation stated that the board is currently seeking to recruit a new leader. It is also working on a new multi-state economic research initiative supported by the Specialty Crop Block Grant.

• **Soup, salad and shopping:** Flag Hill Winery & Distillery (297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com) is offering walk-in cafe food service in its dining room from noon to 3:30 p.m. this weekend, on Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23. Customers who purchase a prix-fixe cafe-style lunch will then be able to redeem luncheon receipts for coupons in the tasting room and gift store for holiday shopping. The prix-fixe luncheon, which costs \$13, allows diners to select two options from a menu of soups, salads, and sandwiches (try options like butternut squash bisque with Flag Hill field greens salad, or a chicken and rice soup with sage roasted turkey with stuffing, cranberry sauce, mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato served on a warm baguette). Diners can purchase a glass of wine or beer for an additional \$6.

• **Turkey for you, turkey for me:** Help make sure everyone has a turkey for Thanksgiving by participating in the Tons of Turkeys benefit for New Horizons for New Hampshire. Hannaford Supermarkets, the Union Leader and 96.5 The Mill join efforts for the event on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at six Hannaford stores. Shoppers can donate turkeys, Helping Hands boxes, Hannaford gift cards and monetary donations at the Hannaford location on John Devine Drive in Manchester; on Hanover Street in Manchester; on Bicentennial Drive in Hooksett; on Jenkins Road in Bedford; on Colby Court in Bedford; and at the Goffstown Hannaford location.

• **Community Thanksgiving meal:** The Suncook Knights of Columbus will host a free community Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, Nov. 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist (10 School St., Allentown) in the parish hall. Meals to-go

Thanksgiving dinners

Dine out and forget the dishes with buffets and special meals

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While many restaurants will be closed for Thanksgiving, others will be offering special prix-fixe dinners and buffets. Many restaurants were already booked for the day or close to filling up at press time, so call ahead to secure a reservation.

• **Alan's of Boscawen** (133 N. Main St., Boscawen, 752-6631, alansofboscawen.com) seating from noon to 6 p.m. with the choice of a traditional dinner (turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, peas & onions, butternut squash, rolls, soup or salad, cranberry sauce and choice of dessert) or Grand Thanksgiving Buffet (includes appetizers like fresh fruit, cheeses, crackers, vegetable crudité, peel-and-eat shrimp, turkey orzo, creamy pumpkin soup, garden and pasta salad, with sides like mashed potatoes, yams, peas & onions, butternut squash, rolls, and main dishes including pasta primavera, baked stuffed haddock, turkey and stuffing, prime rib, ham and desserts), which costs \$21.99 for adults, \$18.99 for seniors, and half off the adult price for children under 10. Reservations are highly recommended.

• **Alpine Grove** (19 S. Depot Road, Hollis, 882-9051, alpinegrove.com) reservations can be made for seating times at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Dinner includes salad, breads, rolls, New England fish chowder, turkey with cornbread stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, oven roasted ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, sweet potatoes, roasted root vegetables, macaroni and cheese and assorted pies and holiday desserts. Dinner costs \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids ages 12 and under; no charge for children ages 4 and under. Reservations required.

• **Airport Diner** (2280 Brown Ave., Manchester, 623-5040, thecman.com) is open for breakfast until noon.

• **Bedford Village Inn** (2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) will be serving a four-course prix-fixe menu with seating times from noon to 6 p.m. Dinner costs \$65 for adults, \$29.95 for children ages 10 and under (prices do not include tax and gratuity), and include options for appetizers like New England clam chowder, pumpkin cavatelli, autumn mushroom turnover, pomegranate glazed quail, salads, turkey dinner entree prepared with mashed Yukon gold potatoes, garlic spinach, sausage stuffing and maple spiked butternut squash; bronzed sea scallops; Atlantic salmon; autumn spiced roman gnocchi; prosciutto-wrapped pheasant breast, and desserts include pumpkin toffee bread pudding, apple crisp cheesecake, and chocolate pecan pie. All prix-fixe options are listed online at bedfordvillageinn.com. Reservations are required.

• **Belmont Hall & Restaurant** (718 Grove St., Manchester, 625-8540, belmonthall.net) will be serving a buffet in the function hall for



parties of five or more for \$14.99. Reservations are recommended for buffet seating. Seating in the dining room for turkey dinner (cost \$13.99 for adults, \$10.99 for kids ages 10 and under) is available on a first come, first served basis.

• **The Chateau** (201 Hanover St., Manchester, 627-2677, chateauhnh.com) will be offering its Thanksgiving buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with tossed green salad, turkey and trimmings, baked ham, Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, winter squash, dessert bar, coffee and tea. The buffet dinner costs \$16.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children under age 9. Reservations are strongly recommended.

• **Chez Vachon** (136 Kelley St., Manchester, 625-9660, chezvachon.com) will be serving Thanksgiving dinner for one seating at 12:30 p.m. by reservation only. The Thanksgiving Feast includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, dessert and a drink (\$11.99 for adults, \$5.99 for children ages 2 to 6).

• **Colby Hill Inn** (33 The Oaks, Henniker, 428-3281, colbyhillinn.com) Thanksgiving prix-fixe dinner will be served from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. and includes appetizers like butternut leek soup, shrimp wrapped in bacon with maple glaze, crab cakes, apple walnut salad, and duck confit egg roll, entrees like a roast turkey dinner with all the fixings, grilled salmon fillet, roasted pork loin, and stuffed acorn squash. Dessert includes a choice of pumpkin pie, pecan bourbon pie, chocolate cake (or flourless chocolate cake) and apple crisp. Dinner costs \$49 (\$19.95 for children under age 12). Colby Hill Inn is also offering a Thanksgiving lodging and dinner package that includes three nights (Wednesday through Friday, or Thursday through Saturday), complimentary Thanksgiving dinner for two, and a coupon book for Tanger Outlets for Black Friday shopping.

• **Country Spirit Restaurant & Tavern** (262 Maple St., Henniker, 428-7007, countryspirit-henniker.com) will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and serving from its special Thanksgiving menu, which includes appetizers like escargot, Cajun popcorn shrimp, jumbo shrimp cocktail, clams and oysters in a half-shell, as well as din-

ner entrees like roast turkey (\$20.95), prime rib (queen cut costs \$24.95, king cut costs \$27.95), New Hampshire applewood smoked country ham (\$20.95), vegetarian lasagna (\$19) and grilled salmon fillet. Desserts include apple, pumpkin and pecan pies, and all dinners include family-style garden salad, bread, vegetables and sides. Reservations are strongly recommended.

• **Country Tavern** (452 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-5871, countrytavern.org) will be serving from its Thanksgiving menu with seatings every 15 minutes from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The menu includes starters, soup and salad (prices vary), and entree choices like prime rib, filet mignon, peppercorn salmon, seafood sampler, butternut squash ravioli, roasted wild mushroom ravioli and meatloaf (all cost \$24.95), and turkey dinner costs \$22.95. Desserts include apple crisp, ice cream ball, brownie sundae, pumpkin pie, pecan pie and limoncello cake (prices vary). Reservations are required.

• **The Derryfield** (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com) is currently accepting reservations for its family-style Thanksgiving turkey dinner (cost \$23.95 for a minimum of four people), which includes a full turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, butternut squash, seasonal vegetables, salad, dinner rolls and coffee or tea. Seatings are on the hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plated turkey dinners cost \$20.95 for adults, \$19.95 for seniors, and \$17.95 for children under age 12 (for an all-white-meat dinner, add an additional \$2). Reservations are strongly recommended.

• **Drumlins Restaurant** (161 Gorham Pond Road, Goffstown, 497-8633, golfstone-bridgecc.com) is accepting reservations from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for its buffet, which includes Granite State Salad (with sugared walnuts, dried cranberries, aged cheddar cheese and apple cider vinaigrette), Caesar salad, butternut bisque, assorted breads and dinner rolls, roast turkey with pan gravy, traditional stuffing, butter mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, roasted root vegetables, Brussels sprouts, baked macaroni and cheese, fresh cranberry sauce, seafood Newburg, chicken tenders and fries, sliced mustard glazed pork loin with wild

assorted sauce and assorted desserts. The buffet dinner costs \$24.99 for adults, \$20.99 for seniors and \$12.99 for children (ages 10 and under). Reservations required.

• **Fratello's** (155 Dow St., Manchester, 641-6776, fratellos.com) has a seating at noon and a second seating at 3 p.m. for its Thanksgiving buffet (cost \$24.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children ages 4 to 12, complimentary for children ages 3 and younger). The buffet includes a carving station with turkey and sage pan gravy and prime rib of beef with a rosemary demi glaze, as well as salads, Atlantic salmon, garden vegetable lasagna, rice pilaf, mashed Yukon gold potatoes, candied butternut squash, pearl onions and peas, and pies, cakes, tortes. Reservations are required.

• **Foster's Boiler Room** (231 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2764, thecman.com) is taking reservations for its buffet, with seatings from 11:30 to 4 p.m.

• **Granite Restaurant & Bar** (96 Pleasant St., Concord, 227-9000, graniterestaurant.com) will have buffet seating times at noon and 2 p.m. Menu includes appetizers and starters like artisanal cheeses, butternut squash bisque and local apple, walnut and baby green salad; carving station with turkey and herbed gravy with cranberry jam and roasted pork loin with maple glaze; sides like wild mushroom and herb stuffing, butternut glazed carrots and green beans, roasted root vegetables with local apples, herbs and dried cranberries, spice mashed butternut squash, roasted garlic and sour cream mashed potatoes, cavatappi pasta with spinach, roasted peppers and pumpkin sage cream, with assorted seasonal desserts. Buffet costs \$29.95 for adults, \$26.95 for seniors (age 55 and older), \$16.95 for children (under age 12) free for children under 4. Call 227-9000, ext. 602 to make a reservation.

• **Hart's Turkey Farm** (233 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and serving from its regular menu (with the exception of sandwiches and salads, which will not be available). Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

• **The Homestead Restaurant** (641 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 429-2022, homesteadnh.com) will be offering three seatings for Thanksgiving dinner at noon, 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. The prix-fixe dinner costs \$25 with entree choices like roast turkey dinner, baked Virginia ham, roast prime rib of beef, baked stuffed haddock, veal oscar, roast leg of lamb, seafood fettuccine and vegetarian ravioli. All entrees include turkey soup, apple cider, mixed nuts, fruit basket, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, butternut squash, green peas, rolls, sweet bread and homemade pie for dessert. Children's prix-fixe dinner costs \$15, with a choice of ham, turkey, prime rib, bowtie alfredo and chicken fingers. Reservations are required.

• **JD's Tavern** (700 Elm St., Manchester, 625-1000, jdstavern.com) will be open during its regular hours on Thanksgiving, from 11 a.m. to midnight.

• **Lakehouse** (281 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-5221, thecman.com) is taking reservations for its buffet, with seatings from

1:30 to 5 p.m.

• **Mile Away Restaurant** (52 Federal Hill Road, Milford, 673-3904, mileawayrestaurant.com) is taking reservations for seatings every two hours from noon to 7 p.m. The Thanksgiving prix-fixe dinner costs \$27.95 and includes one appetizer, salad, entree and dessert, with options like roast turkey dinner (with mashed potatoes, butternut squash, medley of peas, pearl onions and mushrooms, cranberry sauce and traditional stuffing), choice prime rib, wienerschnitzel, veal or chicken marsala, Vegetarian Chaos (eggplant parmesan, butternut squash and pumpkin ravioli sauteed with brown butter and sage, baked tomato stuffed with quinoa, corn, bell peppers and jack cheese), baked stuffed jumbo shrimp, maple glazed salmon and boiled scrod. Children's dinners cost \$17.95. Reservations required.

• **The Red Arrow Diner** (61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118, redarrowdiner.com) will be open and serving Thanksgiving specials.

• **The Red Blazer** (72 Manchester St., Concord, 224-4101, theredblazer.com) will be serving a Thanksgiving buffet from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with options like turkey and gravy, pork roast carving station, baked crab-stuffed sole, pumpkin ravioli with apple cider cream sauce, salad bar, rolls, butternut squash, baked yams, green bean casserole, apple and cranberry stuffing, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes and a dessert buffet. The buffet dinner costs \$25.99 for adults, \$15.99 for children ages 4 to 10, and is free for children ages 3 and younger. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

• **Speaker's Corner Restaurant at Crowne Plaza Hotel** (2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, 886-1200, speakerscornerbistro.com) will be serving a Thanksgiving buffet from noon to 4 p.m., including starters, tapas (like curry chicken phyllo, pastrami smoked salmon, chorizo kabob and toasted hummus bites), entrees like slow roasted turkey, herb-crusted top round, pecan freckled haddock Florentine, chicken pomodoro and harvest squash ravioli, as well as desserts, including pumpkin pie, bourbon pecan pie, chocolate mousse torte, strawberry rhubarb pie, flavored cheesecakes and peaches & cream bread pudding. The buffet dinner costs \$27.95 for adults, \$22.95 for seniors, \$12.95 for children ages 5 to 10, and is complimentary for children age 4 and younger (does not include tax and gratuity). Reservations are required.

• **Restaurant Tek-Nique** (170 Route 101, Bedford, 488-5629, restaurantteknique.com) will offer a three-course Thanksgiving menu from noon to 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The prix fixe dinner costs \$52 (plus tax and gratuity). Reservations are required.

• **Tilt'n Diner** (61 Laconia Road, Tilton, 286-2204, thecman.com) is open for breakfast until noon on Thanksgiving Day. The diner re-opens at 4 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 28, with a Black Friday buffet, served until 10 a.m. (buffet costs \$10.99).

• **The Yard** (1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-3545, theyardrestaurant.com) will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is accepting reservations for seatings on the hour (parties with seven guests or more can make reserva-

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Turkeys, pies, take-out and more

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Place your orders now for dessert from a local bakery, a few sides to reheat or an entire Thanksgiving dinner.

• **A Market** (125 Loring St., Manchester, 668-2650, myamarket.com) has turkeys available on a first come, first served basis, including Grateful Harvest organic and natural turkeys available beginning Saturday, Nov. 22, and Misty Knoll turkeys available Monday, Nov. 24. Turkeys range in size from 8 to 24 pounds.

• **Alpine Grove** (19 S. Depot Road, Hollis, 882-9051, alpinegrove.com) is taking orders for feasts-to-go for pick-up on Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All feasts-to-go include mashed potatoes, carrots, squash, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie, and come with three options including turkey-to-go (costs \$129.99, feeds 16 people, includes cranberry sauce, gravy, and cornbread stuffing), prime rib-to-go (costs \$199.99, feeds 16 to 20 people), and roasted Virginia ham-to-go (costs \$129.99, feeds about 16 people).

• **Angela's Pasta and Cheese Shop** (815 Chestnut St., Manchester, 625-9544, angelaspastaandcheese.com) is accepting orders from its Thanksgiving menu until Saturday, Nov. 22, with pick-up on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Order options include sides like bread stuffing, mashed potatoes, whipped maple sweet potatoes, whipped seasoned butternut squash, candied Brussels sprouts, herb-roasted green beans, fixings like turkey gravy, cranberry relish, "turkey" butter, apple and chestnut bread stuffing, mince meat and pork pies. Bakery items include artisanal breads and dinner rolls, scones, dessert pies, Greek pastries, Russian tea cakes, cookies, coffee cake, pumpkin whoopie pies, and gluten-free apple pie and sugar-free apple pie.

• **Apple Hill Farm** (580 Mountain Road, Concord, 224-8862, applehillfarmnh.com) is taking orders for pies for Thanksgiving, like apple and pumpkin, blueberry, strawberry rhubarb, squash and pecan pies, as well as seasonal specialty pies like maple custard pie and Shaker-style squash rolls. The farmstand is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and will close for the season on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

• **Baked Downtown Cafe and Bakery** (1015 Elm St., Manchester, 606-1969, bakeddowntown.com) will have pastries and pies, like apple crumb, pecan, pumpkin and butternut squash pies, available to order. Orders should be placed with 48 hours notice of pick-up time. Baked will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 26, for customers to pick up orders.

• **The Bakeshop on Kelley Street** (171 Kelley St., Manchester, 624-3500, [\[shoponkelleystreet.com\]\(http://shoponkelleystreet.com\)\) is taking orders for Thanksgiving pies, cookies and pastry trays, including options like Dutch apple pie, peanut butter mousse pie with chocolate ganache and graham cracker crust and decorated turkey shortbread cookies. Pork pies, dinner rolls \(butter or honey oat\) and sour cream coffee cakes are also available to order. The deadline to place an order is on Monday, Nov. 24, with pick-up on Wednesday, Nov. 26, until 2 p.m.](http://thebake-</p>
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• **Belmont Hall & Restaurant** (718 Grove St., Manchester, 625-8540, belmontrestaurant.com) will be offering takeout turkey dinners on Thanksgiving. The turkey dinner, with potatoes, vegetable, stuffing, cranberry sauce and dinner roll, costs \$13.99.

• **The Black Forest Cafe** (212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, theblackforestcafe.com) will be taking orders until Sunday, Nov. 23. Pick-up is available for Monday, Nov. 24, through Wednesday, Nov. 26. Ordering options include turkey with stuffing and gravy (serves six, cost \$75), maple dijon glazed carrots and parsnips (serves six, cost \$15 per quart), wild and brown rice pilaf (serves six, cost \$15 per quart), sweet and white smashed potatoes (serves six, cost \$12 per quart), focaccia and sausage stuffing (serves six, cost \$18 per quart), turkey-sage gravy (serves 12, cost \$12 per quart), cranberry orange sauce (serves four, cost \$9 per pint), cream of curried butternut squash (serves four, cost \$9.50 per quart) and butternut squash lasagna (serves eight, cost \$40 per pan). There are also options for sweets, including pies (\$18 each), like apple, Dutch apple, pumpkin chiffon, cranberry apple, pecan and chocolate chess pie (with nut topping), cranberry walnut crostata (medium costs \$18, large costs \$24), cakes like chocolate mousse cake, drunken pumpkin mousse cake, old-fashioned coconut cake, carrot cake, chocolate stout cake with salted caramel frosting (cakes cost \$24 for small, \$36 for large) and shortbread cookies (cost \$14.95 per dozen). All other bakery pastries (like breakfast cakes, scones, donuts, puffs, big cookies, bars and cupcakes) are available on a first come, first served basis.

• **Bread and Chocolate** (29 S. Main St., Concord, 228-3330) has apple, pumpkin and pecan pies, as well as fruit tarts, loaves of bread and rolls (six-grain, oatmeal and French bread) as well as cakes available to order. Orders should be placed by Monday, Nov. 24, and pick-up is available until Wednesday, Nov. 26.

• **Carter Hill Orchard** (73 Carter Hill Road, Concord, 225-2625, carterhillapples.com) is baking its apple, pumpkin, apple crumb, blueberry, fruit of the orchard, pecan and strawberry rhubarb pies for Thanksgiving. Pumpkin and zucchini bread are also available to order. The

deadline to place an order is Sunday, Nov. 23, with pick-up available Sunday, Nov. 23, through Wednesday, Nov. 26.

• **The Chateau** (201 Hanover St., Manchester, 627-2677, chateauhnh.com) turkey dinners to go are available for \$12.95 (plus tax).

• **Chez Vachon** (136 Kelley St., Manchester, 625-9660, chezvachon.com) will offer take-out on Thanksgiving Day with turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole and dessert (\$11.99 for adults, \$5.99 for children 2 to 6).

• **The Common Man** (25 Water St., Concord, 228-3463; 304 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 429-3463; 88 Range Road, Windham, 898-0088; Windham; 10 Pollard Road, Lincoln, 745-3463; 21 Water St., Claremont, 542-6171; thecman.com) reservations are booked for dinner in Common Man restaurants, but locations will also be offering Thanksgiving meals to go. A meal includes turkey breast with pan gravy, country mashed potatoes, traditional sage stuffing, maple butternut squash, whole berry cranberry sauce, green beans with almonds, dinner rolls, and sweet bread and butter, plus a complimentary slice of homemade pumpkin pie with cinnamon cream. Meals to go cost \$16.99 per person (plus tax) and must be placed by Friday, Nov. 21, and picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 26, or on Thanksgiving, depending on location (hours (pick-up arrangements will be made when the order is placed). To-go orders can also be placed with Foster's Boiler Room (231 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2764, thecman.com) and Lakehouse (281 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-5221, thecman.com).

• **Concord Food Co-op** (24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop) orders for turkeys can be picked up beginning Monday, Nov. 24 (turkeys not claimed by closing time on Wednesday, Nov. 26, will be frozen). A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per turkey is required upon order. Customers can also place orders by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 25, for faux turkey, pies, gluten-free pies and vegan desserts, and dinner side orders (like autumn bisque soup, cost \$31.99 per gallon; cheddar mashed potatoes, cost \$7.99 per pound; festive fruit bowl, cost \$9.99 per pound; green bean amandine, cost \$10.99 per pound; maple dill glazed baby carrots, cost \$9.99 per pound; roasted autumn vegetables with toasted pumpkin seeds, cost \$8.99 per pound; roasted Brussels sprouts cost \$8.99 per pound; and vegetable gravy, cost \$9.99 per quart) or a full Thanksgiving meal (serves eight to 10 people, includes 10-pound Stonewold Farm turkey, gravy, red-skin mashed potatoes, sausage apple stuffing, whipped butternut squash and orange cranberry sauce, costs \$159 plus tax). Prepared meals are available for pick-up between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

• **The Crust & Crumb Baking Company** (126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com) is taking orders for Thanksgiving pies (costs range from \$14 to \$22), from pumpkin and apple crumble to coconut cream and Shaker lemon, as well as breads (like Shaker squash rolls, cranberry oat rolls and buttermilk bread, each cost \$5.50) and other treats, like cakes, tortes and whoopie pies. Orders should be placed by Friday, Nov. 21, and picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

• **Flying Butcher** (124 Route 1A, Amherst, 598-6328, theflyingbutcher.com) has fresh turkeys, roasts, hams and sides available to order and pick up in the store. For specific amounts or larger orders, ordering in advance is recommended. Sides like sweet potatoes, yams, stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, rolls and pies will be available in the store for pick-up until Thanksgiving.

• **Finesse Pastries** (968 Elm St., Manchester, 232-6592, finessepastries.com) is taking orders until Thursday, Nov. 20, for pies and cakes (like apple, blueberry, pumpkin, pecan, chocolate crème, which cost \$13.95; cheesecake and pumpkin cheesecake cost \$24.95 or \$29.95 depending on the size), pastries and cakes. French cake and pastry options include tart beausejour (a caramelized apple tart, cost \$11.95), tart bourdalou (with frangipane cream and pears, cost \$11.95) and tart catalane (browned butter filling with apricots, cost \$12.95). Platters serving 20 to 25 people include an option for a breakfast platter (cost \$60), dessert platter (cost \$50) and a cookie platter (cost \$50).

• **German John's Bakery** (5 W. Main St., Hillsborough, 464-5079, germanjohnsbakery.net) will be taking orders for its special bread pumpkins (bread made in the shape of pumpkins) until Tuesday, Nov. 25.

• **Great Harvest Bread** (4 Sunapee St., Nashua, 881-4422, greatharvestnashua.com) Orders should be placed by Saturday, Nov. 22.

• **Hart's Turkey Farm** (233 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) has an order form available online, and will be accepting orders until Friday, Nov. 21, with pick up times available on Thanksgiving Day from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 3 to 4 p.m. Turkey orders are prepared cooked with stuffing and gravy, and range from 10 pounds to 15 pounds (prices vary between weight and amount). A la carte orders for sides are also available, like cranberry sauce, extra gravy and stuffing, whipped potatoes, squash, green beans, rolls, pickled beets, carrot relish and cranberry chutney and a la carte orders of sliced turkey. Cornbread and sweet breads (including blueberry, pumpkin and coffee cake) as well as pies (from apple, pecan and pumpkin to squash, chocolate chip, mince and coconut cream), apple crisp, chocolate and carrot cake, and cheesecakes are also available to order. Download the online order form or call the restaurant.

• **Just Like Mom's Pastries** (353 Riverdale Road, Weare, 529-6667, justlikemomspastries.com) deadline to order is Sunday, Nov. 23, for pick up on Wednesday, Nov. 26, open until 5 p.m. Forty different flavors of pies, including you-bake, baked, cream pies, sugar-free pies, gluten-free and pork pie. Quiche, dinner rolls, turkey cookies and cupcakes, cheesecakes and cakes are also available to order for the holiday.

• **Kay's Bakery** (443 Lake Ave., Manchester, 625-1132) will be taking orders for pies and pastries (including spanakopita, meat pies, baklava and other options) until Thursday, Nov. 20.

• **Michelle's Pastries** (819 Union St., Manchester, 647-7150, michellespastries.com) is taking orders from its Thanksgiving and regular menus until Saturday, Nov. 22. The holiday menu includes pies, like apple crumb, pumpkin, chocolate cream, banana cream, coconut cream, blueberry crumb, cherry pie, pecan and Boston

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• **Olde Tyme Butcher** (1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 669-3001, facebook.com/oldetyme-butchery) is taking orders for turkeys, homemade gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes and sides until Friday, Nov. 21. Triolo's pies are also available.

• **The Red Arrow Diner** (61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118; 63 Union Square, Milford, 249-9222, redarrowdiner.com) pies are available to order for Thanksgiving, including chocolate cream, coconut cream, banana cream, banana nut cream, custard pie, lemon cream, pork pie, pecan pie, lemon meringue, pumpkin cream, "Our Famous" brownie cream, blueberry, "Our Signature" Hannah pie, Moe's apple pie, strawberry rhubarb and cherry pie (all cost \$14.99 per pie), plus salmon pie (cost \$16.99), and double layer cakes (cost \$19.99), including chocolate, carrot, Black Forest, almond raspberry, chocolate raspberry, chocolate peppermint, Funny Bone and Yodel cakes. Dinah Fingers (the Red Arrow's homemade Twinkies) are also available to order — one dozen costs \$14.99. All dessert orders should be placed with 48-hour notice prior to pick-up time. Order forms are available online or by calling the restaurant.

• **Savory Square Bistro** (32 Depot Square, Hampton, 926-2202, savorysquarebistro.com) is accepting orders for Thanksgiving meals to go until Friday, Nov. 21, for pick-up on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Dinner to go includes all the sides and appetizers except for the turkey, including deviled crab spread, salada framboise, creamed spinach, whipped butternut squash with pineapple, buttermilk scallion mashed potatoes, natural turkey gravy, apple, sausage and cranberry bread stuffing and fresh cranberry relish. Order the dinner to go for \$20 per person, or \$150 for 12 people.

• **Tuscan Market** (63 Main St., Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com) offers a catering menu with a la carte and a whole turkey dinner (serves six to eight people, costs \$125), which includes a carved, roasted 10- to 12-pound turkey, insalata mista, maple whipped sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts with pancetta and apple, mascarpone whipped potatoes, porcini mushroom ciabatta stuffing with Parmigiano-Reggiano and toasted pine nuts, heirloom cranberry and Marsala wine compote, fresh herb gravy, focaccia and loaf of ciabatta. The a la carte features sides (like the above listed and others, costs range \$5.99 to \$10 per pound), zuppa (\$11 per quart), turkey dinner and entrees like boneless prime rib, roast goose and pear mostarda, rotisserie Long Island duck (prices range) as well as desserts, including Cortland apple pie, triple chocolate roulade and pumpkin pie. Orders should be placed by Monday, Nov. 24.

• **Washington Street Catering** (88

Washington Street, Concord, 228-0000, washingtonstreetcatering.com) is taking orders from its holiday menu with a la carte and full meal options like roasted turkey dinner, which includes turkey and gravy, traditional stuffing, mashed potatoes and butternut squash, a maple glazed ham dinner with mashed sweet potatoes and roasted root vegetables (both dinners cost \$13.99 per person for a party of eight to 10 people, and \$19.99 per person for a party of less than eight guests or over 10; costs an additional \$1 per person for natural turkey); beef Wellington dinner with glazed root vegetables and rosemary-infused Yukon potatoes (cost \$22.99 per person for a party of eight to 10 guests; \$24.99 per person for parties of less than eight or more than 10 guests); and rosemary and garlic marinated rack of lamb dinner with potato gratin, roasted root vegetables served with a reduction sauce (10-person minimum, costs \$22.99 per person for a party of 10; \$24.99 per person for a party over 10). A la carte options include roasted turkey and maple glazed spiral ham (cost \$7.75 per person), beef Wellington and rack of lamb (cost \$14.99 per person), a selection of three sides like mashed potatoes, potato gratin, mashed sweet potatoes, traditional stuffing, apple cranberry stuffing, sausage sage and chestnut stuffing, Brussels sprouts with bacon and balsamic glaze, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, roasted butternut squash, glazed carrots, caramelized pearl onions, sauteed green beans with slivered almonds, oven-roasted root vegetables and rosemary-infused roasted Yukon potatoes (costs range from \$1.50 to \$3.25 each) as well as 10-inch pumpkin, apple and pecan pies (cost \$18 each). All orders must be placed with 72 hours' notice ahead of pick-up time.

• **Waterworks Cafe** (250 Commercial St., Manchester, 782-5088, waterworkscfe.com) offers a special Thanksgiving catering menu with side dishes like cornbread and andouille stuffing, butternut squash and apple soup, traditional turkey gravy, and roasted butternut squash with caramelized sage and brown sugar (among other sides), as well as desserts like coconut cream pie, cranberry and apple cobbler, pumpkin bread, and more. The deadline to place an order is Monday, Nov. 24, by 3 p.m., with pick-up dates available on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and Wednesday, Nov. 26, by 3 p.m. Orders can be placed in the cafe or by emailing info@waterworkscfe.com.

• **Wicked Good Butchah** (460 Route 101, Bedford, 488-1832, facebook.com/wickedgood-butchah) will be taking orders for fresh turkeys up until Thanksgiving. Orders from its regular catering menu (chicken fingers, steak tips, chicken and broccoli ziti, sausage with onions and peppers) should be placed by Monday, Nov. 24.

• **The Wine'ing Butcher** (254 Wallace Road, Bedford, 488-5519; 16 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 856-8855, thewineing-butchah.com) has fresh, all-natural free-range turkeys available on a first come, first served basis for \$2.99 per pound (or \$3.99 per pound brined) as well as assorted sides, like cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and pies. Customers will receive a \$10 voucher with the pre-order of a turkey that can be used for the next holiday roast. Advance orders are recommended, and customers can place orders up until Wednesday, Nov. 26. 🍷

Eat an egg, provide a turkey

Breakfast brings Thanksgiving to Manchester families

By Allie Ginwala
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Preparing to cook your holiday meal while running around trying to get your home ready for an influx of family members can make the days leading up to Thanksgiving stressful. Take a break from the pre-festivity planning and help out your neighbors at New Horizons for New Hampshire's annual Thanksgiving Breakfast on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7:15 a.m.

Spend a couple of hours munching on pastry and sipping coffee while helping to fund full turkey dinners for greater Manchester families. For the past 21 years, New Horizons has invited businesses, community leaders and faith-based organizations to gather for breakfast at the Radisson in downtown Manchester to reflect on the importance of helping others during the holiday season.

"It's our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year ... between 600 and 700 people [attend]," said Charlie Sherman, executive director for New Horizons. "It's a traditional breakfast," he said, a casual time for people to eat, chat and catch up.

"[We] talk about the things we've done this season and talk about the holidays because it's a tough time for so many people," Sherman said.

The large meal feels almost like an annual meeting, a chance for New Horizons to keep everyone in the loop about their current projects.

"We have a slideshow that goes on throughout the morning and shows some of the things we've done throughout the year," he said.

Each breakfast has a silent auction and raffle (last year's raffle prize was a turkey-shaped cake from Triolo's Bakery), as well as guest speakers, one from a faith-based organization, one from a business and one a former New Horizons client. Bo Chancey, senior pastor of Manchester Christian Church, and Sherry Stevens, community relations specialist from Hannaford, are two of this year's speakers. Gov. Maggie Hassan and Mayor



The 2013 Thanksgiving Breakfast. Courtesy photo.

Ted Gatsas will also address the group.

The meal will have breakfast favorites such as eggs, bacon, pastry and coffee, provided by the Radisson. New Horizons chose a breakfast fundraiser instead of a dinner as a way to mix things up and make it easier to attend.

"There are so many dinners," Sherman said. "You work all day and it drags on."

Money raised at the Thanksgiving Breakfast goes toward providing meals for families on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Tons of Turkey, which is run by Hannaford Supermarkets and The Mill 96.5, is one of the programs helped by the annual breakfast. "What we do [on the] Saturday before Thanksgiving ... we have volunteers ask people buying their turkey dinner if they would consider buying another turkey for someone in the greater Manchester area," he said.

Last year, 20 tons of turkey was collected, as well as "all the fixings," like potatoes, corn, stuffing and cranberry sauce.

A similar turkey and fixings distribution on the Saturday before Christmas is also funded by the Thanksgiving Breakfast. "We have families and volunteers who come and deliver them to people's homes. It can be pretty moving," Sherman said. "You go to some of these homes and it breaks your heart to see people crying, so happy to have a [turkey] dinner. We do 1,300 of those, funded by Thanksgiving Breakfast."

New Horizons started its Thanksgiving tradition over two decades ago as a way to help those struggling through tough times.

"We felt that no family should not have turkey with all of the fixings on their table," Sherman said. "We wanted to make sure that nobody goes without, at least on that day [Thanksgiving] and Christmas Day. Having that dinner and sitting around the table and at least being able to enjoy what so many of us take for granted." 🍁

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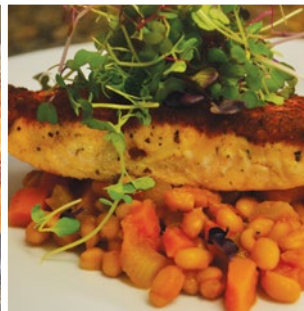
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WITH **SABINE BERKE**

Sabine Berke is the chef at The Cozy Tea Cart (104 Route 3, Brookline, 249-9111, thecozyteacart.com). Berke was born and raised in Switzerland, where she attended culinary school and worked for ski resorts and five-star hotels. And while The Cozy Tea Cart isn't a typical restaurant, Berke loves the comfort food-inspired menu and cooking with teas. Since she's been the chef at The Cozy Tea Cart, Berke said, she's learned much more about tea than she had known as a regular tea drinker. She finds incorporating teas into cooking interesting because she can create new things, like chicken marinades created with smokey teas.



What is your must-have kitchen item?

I definitely need fresh local vegetables and foods — just local ingredients. That would definitely be a must-have in my kitchen.

What would you choose for your last meal?

Probably some kind of weird Swiss dish that everybody would wrinkle their nose at that I used to have as a kid. Definitely something my mom or my grandmother used to make. That would be my choice.

Favorite restaurant besides your own?

I really enjoy sushi, so that would probably be the one thing I can't make myself that I absolutely love. We usually go to You You [Japanese Bistro, in Nashua].

What celebrity would you like to see eating at your restaurant?

We really love sports, so anyone on the Bruins team. That would be really exciting.

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?

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1 pound farm-fresh green beans, rimmed
 2 cloves garlic, minced
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People seem to really want to know what is in their food. I think people are more conscious about what they're eating, even healthier. We have a lot of people that are gluten-free or have some kind of food allergy. ... Customers are just a lot more conscientious about what they put in their body.

What is your favorite meal to cook at home?

Anything my family loves. There's nothing worse than if I cook something up and nobody wants to eat it. Like mac and cheese and of course steak and baked potatoes, but anything they love is what I like to cook. That is the most rewarding.

What is your favorite dish on your restaurant's menu?

Right now, that would have to be the beef stew. We just got that on the menu. We did that last year and it was a huge hit — beef stew provençal. It has tomatoes in it, orange zest, potatoes and carrots and onions, so it's really just a hearty dish for the fall and winter.

— Emelia Attridge

2 tablespoon English Breakfast Tea (100 percent Keemun) infused in ½ cup water (this makes a strong concentrate)
 Toasted almond slices for garnish

Steam green beans in a bamboo steamer for three to four minutes (the beans should remain somewhat stiff; do not overcook). While beans are steaming, sauté minced garlic in the organic Camellia Tea Seed Oil until dense. Add brewed tea concentrate and simmer with garlic for two to three minutes. Remove beans from steamer and put in a large bowl. Pour marinade over drained beans and garnish with toasted almond slices. Serve immediately.

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• **Pies for sale:** The Friends of the Bedford Public Library's annual bake sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the library, located at 3 Meetinghouse Road, in Bedford. The bake sale spread will include pies, breads, cakes, cookies and muffins.

• **Handle the holidays:** With all the festivities and parties of the holidays comes all

the food. To get ready for the holidays and stay healthy, Naturopathic Doctor Amanda Hegnauer will lead a free community workshop on nutrition and the holidays with the Concord Food Co-op on Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Concord City Council Chambers, 37 Green St., Concord. Although the event is free, reservations are required. Visit the Concord Food Co-op at 24 S. Main St., Concord, call 225-6840 or email classes@concordfoodcoop.coop to register.

includes craft fair and flea market as well as Greek pastry sale, with baklava, finikia and other treats. Contact Cindy at 315-1573.

• **ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIRE** Sat., Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, 669 Union St., Manchester. Includes cookie walk, homemade baked goods, frozen meals and soup cafe. Visit uucmholidayfaire.weebly.com.

• **VINTAGE CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST** Registration closes to enter the contest on Tues., Nov. 25. Contestants can enter into one of four categories: Adult, Family, Youth Group, Business/Nonprofit. Entries should be delivered between 1 to 5 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 1, and will be on display at the Discover Portsmouth Center (10 Middle St., Portsmouth) during Portsmouth's Vintage Christmas on weekends from noon to 8 p.m. from Sat., Dec. 6, to Sun., Dec. 21. Visit vintagechristmasnh.org.

• **GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST** Newfields competition and display. Deadline for entry admission (cost \$5) on Mon., Dec. 1. Display on Sun., Dec 7, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Main Street Art, 75 Main St., Newfields. Visit mainstreet.org.

• **HOMeward BOUND FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL** Thurs., Dec. 4, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Radisson Nashua (11 Tara Blvd., Nashua). Benefit for the Anne-Marie House with over 35 food and drink vendors, with local restaurants like Amphora Fine Greek Dining, Red Sauce Ristorante, Homestead Restaurant, Cupcakes 101, LaBelle Winery, Martha's Exchange and others. The event also includes a silent and live auction. Tickets cost \$90 per couple, \$50 per person. Visit annemariehouse.org/events/homewardbound.

• **CHRISTMAS IN TUSCANY** Sat., Dec. 6, at Tuscan Market, 63 Main St., Salem, from 1 to 4 p.m. Includes visit from Santa and lighting of the Christmas

tree, TV personality Jenny Johnson, Toys for Tots collection, caroling, food and drinks. Visit tuscancanbrands.com.

• **COOKIE SWAP** Sat., Dec. 6, at 11 a.m. at the Goffstown Public Library (2 High St., Goffstown, 497-2102, goftownlibrary.com). Cookie swap for adults, exchange and taste cookies (all cookies must be homemade, baked and the main ingredient must be flour; no plain chocolate chip cookies, cookie mixes, no-bakes, meringues or brownies; bring five dozen cookies; drop off a copy of your recipe by Mon., Dec. 1). Registration is required. The "gaudiest holiday garb" wins a door prize.

• **WORLD OF CHOCOLATE** Exhibit at the Mariposa Museum & World Culture Center, 26 Main St., Peterborough, 924-4555, mariposamuseum.org. Includes the history of chocolate and the chocolate industry plus celebration of the 50th anniversary of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. On exhibit through Jan. 31, 2015. Admission costs \$6 (\$5 for seniors, \$4 for children).

Chef events/special meals

• **THURSDAY'S CHILD FUNDRAISER** Thurs., Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Coach House Restaurant at New London Inn (353 Main St., New London). A portion of the proceeds from meals purchased that evening benefit the Wilmot Community Association and the Wilmot Learning Place. Call 526-2791 for reservations or visit wilmotcommunityassociation.org.

• **PLAISIR D'AMOUR WINE DINNER** Sat., Nov. 22, at Drumlins Restaurant at Stonebridge Country Club, 161 Goffham Pond Road, Goffstown. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$95 per person; dress is black tie optional. Reservations due Thurs., Nov. 13. Call 644-7114.

• **GRANITE STATE BASEBALL DINNER** Sat., Nov. 22, at Radisson Hotel and Expo Center (700 Elm St., Manchester) at 5 p.m. Dinner with guests

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Sweet potatoes

I absolutely love Thanksgiving food. I don't know why I don't cook a Thanksgiving meal every week; I love Thanksgiving food that much. But let me be clear, I love *my* Thanksgiving food. I'm not exactly a good sport about trying something new or deviating from the accepted menu to which my family adheres. The few times I've spent Thanksgiving away from my family, I've volunteered to make a ton of the foods just so I could be sure to have my favorites. One of them is sweet potatoes. My grandmother's recipe is absolutely the best out there.

The great thing about sweet potatoes is that they are, well, sweet! It's not hard to make this dish into something that almost belongs at the dessert table. If you look at the ingredients, you'll see this dish is quite decadent. Thanksgiving is not the



time for diets, OK? Plus, you should rest easy because contrary to popular belief, the average American only gains about a pound every holiday season (according to the New England Journal of Medicine). Am I making you feel less guilty yet? Guilt is for January, not November.

While this dish certainly wouldn't be a favorite at Weight Watchers, the sweet potatoes offer quite a bit by way of nutrition. They are chock full of vitamin A and contain a decent amount of potassium, fiber and vitamin B-6. If that still doesn't entice you to try this delicious dish, just cut down the amount of sugar you add. If you don't already have a love affair with Turkey Day, it might start now with these sweet potatoes! — *Allison Willson Dudas*

Thanksgiving sweet potatoes

3 cups sweet potatoes (5 medium)

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup softened butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs

Boil unpeeled until soft and the skin easily falls off. Combine all ingredients, using a mixer or masher. A mixer will produce more of a pureed dish but more evenly

mix everything. Pour potatoes into casserole dish.

Topping

- 2/3 cup Bisquick
- 2/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons softened butter

Combine ingredients in small bowl using a mixer and spread evenly over top of sweet potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Church/charity suppers/bake sales

- **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL** Free Thanksgiving community meal with all the fixings on Thursday, Nov. 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m. with the Suncook Knights of Columbus at the parish hall at St. John the Baptist, 10 School St., Allentown. Call Geoff Kennedy at 231-7070.
- **ROAST PORK COMMUNITY SUPPER** Fri., Nov. 21, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 30 Eastman St., E. Concord, with roast pork, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and pumpkin dessert. Free admission, donations accepted for Take-A-Tote Ministry to help feed Concord's hungry school children. Call 224-2252 or visit graceeastconcord.org.
- **BOY SCOUT TROOP 407 SPAGHETTI DINNER** Sat., Nov. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m., at First Congregational Church

- of Milford, 10 Union St., Milford. Costs \$5 (\$3 for kids and seniors).
- **PANCAKE BENEFIT BREAKFAST** Sun., Nov. 23, from 8 to 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 51, 232 Calef Hwy., Epping, fundraiser for Toys for Tots. Bring unwrapped and unopened toy or monetary donation for admission. Call Rob at 944-5485.
- **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** Sat., Dec. 13, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Slusser Senior Center (164 Houston Drive, Hopkinton). Breakfast includes eggs, pancakes, bacon, toast, muffins, hash browns and more, plus a visit with Santa and activities for kids. Proceeds benefit Operation Christmas. Cost \$18 for family rate, \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 5 to 11, and breakfast is free for kids ages 4 and under. Visit hopkintonrec.com.
- **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** Sundays from 8 to 11 a.m.

- at Philbrick-Clement Post 65 American Legion (12 N. Stark Highway, Weare, 529-2722, nhpost65.us). A la carte breakfast menu benefits the Legion and community outreach. Cost ranges from \$3.50 to \$7.
- **COMMUNITY SUPPER** Held the third Wed. of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Milford at 20 Elm St. See uucm.org.

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- **PIES COOKING SERIES** For ages 8 and up, meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m., through Dec. 10, featuring a different pie each week at The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Suite 105, Derry, 339-1664, culinary-playground.com). Costs \$38 for an individual class.
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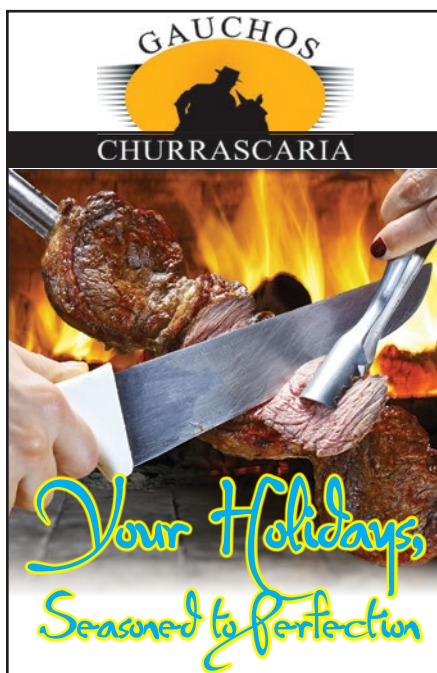
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Pumpkin waffles and pancakes

There is always an excess of all things pumpkin in my pantry this time of year. I begin stocking up on ingredients for pumpkin rolls, pies and, apparently, pancakes.

This recipe for pumpkin waffles, courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens, is easily turned into a pile of pancakes to warm up the chilliest of fall mornings. I'm putting a waffle maker on my Christmas list this year, so I can recreate the breakfast treat in a new form.

Aside from Thanksgiving confections, I typically don't like pumpkin-flavored treats. I've never had a pumpkin spiced coffee and don't understand the infatuation with pumpkin muffins, cookies and candies. But this recipe is slowly changing my perception of pumpkin, one breakfast at a time.

At first, I was worried the recipe, without serious altering, wouldn't work for pancakes. But to my surprise and delight, with no modifications this recipe still turns out craving-inducing pancakes. The texture is not as airy as you would typically have with pancakes, but I felt like I was having a more substantial breakfast after biting into one of these.

Pumpkin pancakes are not something I would have ever thought to make. But this recipe came across my desk at work from a friend, and I figured I'd give it a try for

Pumpkin waffles or pancakes with spiced cinnamon syrup

Courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens

- 1 cup pure maple syrup
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 cup canned packed pumpkin
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted



overnight company my family was hosting. As it turns out, the pancakes were a smashing success. The pumpkin flavor really floated in the background, but could easily be altered to your preferences. I also think this recipe could be simplified even more, using box-mix pancakes or waffles and adding in the pumpkin with the water, oil and eggs before combining with the dry mix. If you're taking that approach, I would sprinkle on some of the brown sugar before serving instead of mixing it in with the batter.

And while the pumpkin pancakes were delicious, it was the spiced syrup that really sent this breakfast over the edge. If you don't have cinnamon sticks on hand, you could use a pinch of the ground spice instead. That's what I did this time around, and it turned out great. Adding a subtle hint of cinnamon to already dreamy maple syrup is addictive, and I found myself using this trick to top off non-pumpkin pancakes and frozen waffles as well.

Be advised that this breakfast is addictive. I found myself making these pancakes two weekends in a row, and even tried to pass them off as dinner one night. The savory pumpkin and the sweet syrup are perfectly balanced, and the tease of cinnamon rounds out this recipe to perfection.

— Lauren Mifsud

Heat waffle iron (or griddle for pancakes) according to manufacturer's directions. In a small pot over medium heat, combine maple syrup and cinnamon stick. Cook, uncovered, until it steams but does not boil. Turn off heat, cover and let stand 15 minutes. (If you're using ground cinnamon, you can decrease the cooking time substantially). Whisk together flours, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, blend buttermilk, pumpkin, eggs, brown sugar and butter. Stir dry mixture into wet mixture until smooth. Coat the waffle iron with nonstick cooking spray before cooking waffles according to manufacturer's directions.

Hampton, 926-2202, chezboucher.com). Class costs \$99.

• **PUMPKIN WHOOPIE PIE WORKSHOP** For ages 6 to 11, Sat., Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Suite 105, Derry, 339-1664, culinary-

playground.com). Costs \$40.

• **NUTRITION & THE HOLIDAYS** Concord Food Co-op class on Tues., Dec. 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Concord City Council Chambers (37 Green St., Concord). Free class on nutrition notes during the holiday season.

Registration required. concordfoodcoop.coop or 225-6840.

• **HOLIDAY HORS D'OEUVRES** Sat., Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chez Boucher (32 Depot Square, Hampton, 926-2202, chezboucher.com). Class costs \$99.

Thanksgiving pairings

What to drink with your Turkey Day meal

By Stefanie Phillips
food@hippopress.com

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost here. If you celebrate this holiday like my family does, there is no shortage of good food or wine. The meal is rich and has many components, so picking the right wines can make the holiday even better. Here are some ideas of what to serve during the big meal with options for fruit, red and white wine drinkers.

Fruit wines

Not all wine drinkers are fans of fruit wines, but they make great pairings with a lot of the elements of a Thanksgiving dinner. One of my go-to fruit wines is cranberry, and I like LaBelle Winery's version for its tartness. This wine, made from Cape Cod cranberries, is not only pretty in the glass but can be enjoyed on its own or in a cocktail. It is light and slightly sweet but has nice tartness from the fruit. Zorvino Vineyards makes two very different products: CranZeeno and Cranbreez. The CranZeeno is a light, fruity blend that even non-wine lovers will like. The Cranbreez is much more tart and is great mixed with Champagne or sparkling wine. Two other Newfound area wineries, Haunting Whisper Vineyards and Newfound Lake Vineyards, also offer cranberry options, one that is semi-dry and one that is sweet (Misty Bog at Haunting Whisper and Sweet Follansbee Cove at Newfound Lake). Enjoy the sweet wine with dessert or as a dessert on its own. Newcomer Copper Beech Winery also has a Brilliant Cranberry wine described as cranberry juice with a hint of sweetness. All of these wines should be enjoyed well-chilled. Another great choice for Thanksgiving is crabapple wine. Like cranberries, crabapples offer just a hint of sweetness but a nice tart finish. Try Copper Beech's Country Crabapple, which is crisp and off dry. This is a limited edition, so pick some up before it's gone. At Hermit Woods Winery, the Heirloom Crabapple is a signature wine and one of my favorites. This wine pairs well with a variety of foods, including turkey. Some wineries, including LaBelle, Flag Hill Winery and Sweet Baby Vineyard, have combined cranberries and apples, celebrating the sweetness and tartness of both fruits. Some versions are drier, while the Flag Hill wine is on the sweeter side. In addition to the apple cranberry, many wineries including Hermit Woods, LaBelle, Copper Beech, Haunting Whisper

and Gilmanton Winery, also offer different versions of apple wine, which can go well with Thanksgiving dinner. Personal preference can come into play with many of these wines if you tend to like something that is drier versus sweet.

Red wines

Red wine may not seem like it goes well with turkey, but Chicken & Turkey from the Pairing Collection is a great stand-by wine for red wine drinkers. This red blend has 50 percent grenache, 30 percent syrah and 20 percent carignan. This wine has aromas of cherry and tobacco with fruit flavors and a spicy finish. I have had this wine with past Thanksgiving dinners and it was a decent match. Pinot noir is a good choice because it tends to be lighter than other reds. One of my top picks is Firesteed Pinot Noir for its fruit notes and soft, pleasant finish.

White wines

White wine drinkers have a few options as it tends to go better with turkey. But the key is finding something that will complement the stuffing, vegetables and cranberry sauce rather than working against these dishes. I am going to agree with some suggestions from Real Simple and recommend a riesling or chardonnay. I like Salmon Run Riesling for its acidity and flavors of apples and pears. You could also try their chardonnay riesling for something slightly different. I'd steer chardonnay fans toward an unoaked version (sorry, Kendall Jackson) so it doesn't overwhelm the meal. Try The Seeker, Middle Sister Smarty Pants, Simply Naked or an Italian Chardonnay. I also like Cupcake Sauvignon Blanc because it isn't overly herbaceous or stringent and has almost a creaminess about it.

Dessert wines

Dessert wines will vary depending on what you are having for dessert. Chocolate or dark berry desserts go well with cabernet sauvignon, syrah and pinot noir. I'd pair the heaviness of the wine with the heaviness of the dessert. Riesling and pinot grigio are good pairings for apple and lighter fruit desserts. If you're looking for a nice after-dinner drink, try a port or some mead. I like Sap House Meadery's Vanilla Bean mixed with hot apple cider, or one of Moonlight Meadery's selections. Their Flutter is made with ginger, which can aid in diges-



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Bottles for the budget-conscious wine-lover

This week, we tried a pair of cabs.

The **2012 Ironside Cabernet Sauvignon** from California (\$14.99 from Market Basket) is a dark cherry-red wine — “cherry” being key to the nose and flavor as well. “Chewy concentrated cherries” and blackberry, is how one of us described the wine’s aroma. The other said “ripened stone fruit” — ripe cherries and plums, with a hint of sandalwood. This dark fruit component followed through in the flavors, which were big, deep and fruit-forward. Though richly fruity, the wine is dry and has a white peppercorn finish that makes it a nicely balanced sipper.

The **Altitude Project Cabernet Sauvignon** from California (\$9.95 at Angela’s Pasta & Cheese in Manchester) is a big plummy wine — in color, flavor and aroma. On the nose, we got notes of dusty cherry, hints of cocoa, very ripe fruit and, of



course, that plum. This very approachable wine with no tannins had those plummy flavor notes as well. The wine paired well with our lasagna dinner but was also a nice sipper on its own.

Each week in “Red, White & Green,” the wine-lovers taste red and white wines that sell for not too much of the green, less than \$20. The goal? To find a good bottle without breaking the bank. Unless otherwise noted, the prices listed are what you’ll find the bottles selling for at the New Hampshire Wine & Liquor Outlet. 🍷

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Beer/wine/liquor tastings

• **LAGUNITAS** tasting on Thurs., Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Beer Store, 433 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-2242, thebeerstorenh.com.

• **SMUTTYNOSE** tasting on Thurs., Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Barb’s Beer Emporium, 249 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 369-4501, barbsbeeremporium.com.

• **WOODCHUCK CIDER** tasting on Fri., Nov. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Beer Store, 433 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-2242, thebeerstorenh.com.

• **WOODSTOCK** tasting on Thurs., Dec. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Beer Store, 433 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-2242, thebeerstorenh.com.

• **OTTER CREEK BREWING** tasting on Thurs., Dec. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Barb’s Beer Emporium, 249 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 369-4501, barbsbeeremporium.com.

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Beer/wine dinners

• **PLAISIR D’AMOUR WINE DINNER** Sat., Nov. 22, at Drumhams Restaurant at Stonebridge Country Club, 161 Gorham Pond Road, Goffstown. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by din-

ner at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$95 per person; dress is black tie optional. Reservations due Thurs., Nov. 13. Call 644-7114.

• **CIAO ITALIA TABLE & WINE PAIRING EVENT** Sat., Nov. 29, at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinerynh.com) with Mary Ann Esposito and winemaker Amy LaBelle. Tickets cost \$50, registration required.

• **HOLIDAY FOUR-COURSE WINE DINNER** Thurs., Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Zorvino Vineyards (226 Main St., Sandown, 887-8463, zorvino.com). Courses paired with Zorvino wine cocktails, wine release and a dessert wine made just for the holiday dinner. Tickets cost \$49.95. Reservations required.

• **JINGLE BALL HOLIDAY PARTY** Fri., Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at Zorvino Vineyards (226 Main St., Sandown, 887-8463, zorvino.com). Includes four-course dinner, cocktail hour and dancing until 11 p.m. Tickets cost \$55. Reservations required.

Beer/wine festivals and special events

• **DISTILLER’S SHOWCASE** Thurs., Nov. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Downtown Manchester (700 Elm St., Manchester) to benefit the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire. Features more than 400 brands, distillery presenters and hors d’oeuvres from local restaurants. Early bird tickets cost \$50. Visit distillersshowcase.com.

• **WINE, CHEESE AND CHOCOLATE TEASE** Thurs.,

Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at Portsmouth Country Club, 80 Country Club Lane, Greenland. Waddell and Reed wine, cheese, and chocolate tasting with live and silent auction benefit for local charities — End 68 Hours of Hunger, The Seacoast Firefighters Toy Bank, and Richie McFarland Children’s Center. Contact Don Cichon at 294-4113 or dcichon@wradvisors.com to RSVP.

• **TASTING OF 55+ WINES** Thurs., Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tuscan Market, 63 Main St., Salem. Wine tasting of over 55 regional Italian and world wines with Tuscan Market wine director Joe Comforti. Salumi, formaggi and assaggi tastings complement the wine tasting. Tickets cost \$25. Visit tuscanbrands.com.

Beer/wine tasting classes

• **POWERFUL CABS WINE TASTING** Cabernet sauvignon wine tasting on Fri., Dec. 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at WineNot Boutique, 170 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, winenotboutique.com. Costs \$40. Registration required.

• **WINE 101** Four-week course with sommelier Svetlana Yanushkevich at WineNot Boutique (170 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, winenotboutique.com) runs Tuesdays, Jan. 6, through Jan. 27, and covers themes like “Tasting Like a Pro & Sommelier Secrets” and “Food and Wine Pairing & Enjoying Wines with Cheese and Chocolate.” The four-week course costs \$120, or \$30 per class. Registration required.

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Rancid, *Honor is All We Know* (Hellcat Records)



First album in two years from the Berkely, California, foursome, who've benefited greatly — OK, at least somewhat — from being touted as major influences by mainstream '90s punk bands who don't actually sound like them much, such as Green Day. Punk isn't dead if you go by the numbers these guys have put up, including 1995's platinum-selling *And Out Come the Wolves*, which featured the pub-stomper "Ruby Soho." That earlier stuff reflected their ska upbringing, whereas

HIAWK here, like its couple-three predecessor albums, is safety pin city, lots of scrambled-brain skateboard speed-punk ("Back Where I Belong") and assorted yell-alongs like "Raise Your Fist." Positive signs include no changes in the lineup since 2007 and very little letup in intensity, even if they're a bit short on topical relevance in their lyrics, seeming to prefer slapping their own backs over the fact that they were able to come up with 14 new songs. **A-** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Idina Menzel, *Holiday Wishes* (Warner Bros Records)



No, seriously, I did request this album from PR, expecting it to be annoying, but not *this* annoying. Menzel was the original Maureen in *Rent*, and you've heard her being fabulous as the Snow Queen in the *Frozen* animated movie, so with credentials like that you had to know a goopy, over-produced holiday record was coming sooner or later. She's the millennium's version of Celine Dion, this one, with her loud, big-ass mezzo soprano voice, sounding like a giant toddler screeching

for strained peas when she squeezes her throat to engage her Patti Labelle impersonation, a part of her shtick I really can't stand and hadn't been exposed to prior to this LP. Mostly just ho-ho-ho standards here, kicking off with "Do You Hear What I Hear," which as you may or may not know is one of my least favorite carols, but I let it play through, hoping she'd start going all "Heart Will Go On" and maybe I'd soften to shed a healthy tear as catharsis for all my overwork, but no, just a few rudimentary hip-hop moves and soon enough we're at a truly hateful duet with Michael Bublé on "Baby It's Cold Outside" in which they project all the sex appeal of Granny Clampett and Fred Sanford. **D** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Jeepers creepers, it's suddenly a wasteland of nothingness in New CD Releases Land. I probably should have saved my column-clogging rants for this time of year, a sad few weeks of very few releases, being that most bands and labels figure all you people are going to do is buy the latest obsolete-technology-of-next-year (iPad sales are sinking, surprise), or if you do spend money on music, you'll just buy albums that your friends buy, out of peer pressure, meaning Rihanna will be able to buy a new wading pool for her flying ligers and Pink Floyd will be able to take a trip to Pluto on the Virgin Spaceship Shuttle, all on your dime. While all this is going on, let's look at one of the few last-ditch money-grabs of this utterly worthless year, **Nicki Minaj**, with her new album, *The Pinkprint*. You've either already heard "Pills and Potions," the druggy-mixtape-like piano-torch thing, or you couldn't care less about it, but at this writing there is confusion in snap-dance land, as a new "Nicki Minaj" single is on the YouTube, with over 35,000 views. That would be all cool and stuff, but most of the commenters are saying that the "song" is actually a remix of August Alsina's "No Love," which makes sense, being that I can listen to it without thinking about her silly shtick on *American Idol*.

• **Rapper Rick Ross** may swear as much as your basic tertiary *New Jack City* character, but he's a Christian, and *The Smoking Gun* published a picture of him dressed in a Florida corrections officer uniform, presumably because he was a Florida corrections officer. Since the correct hip-hoppin' response to such an allegation is "it wasn't me," that's what he said, but he's since admitted he was indeed a po-po. This makes him sort of gangsta in my book, as do the snippets I've heard of this new album, but not the kind of OG stuff I would actually listen to. He also had a feud with 50 Cent, but who hasn't?

• Neo-1980s hair-metal band **Bella Novela** from Los Angeles releases its third album, *Telemetry*. The teaser for this garbage starts out with some spaghetti-western music, and then there's some stuff that sounds like old Rush, except with no talent. Intriguing, no?

• **Nicholas Krgovich** releases *On Cahuenga*, an important event in music history because, um, wait, who's Nicholas Krgovich, and how did he sneak into this multiple-award-winning column? Let me look. OK, I'm back. He was in a Vancouver band called P:ano, which means nothing to me, because I can't stand bands I've never heard of. There's a single from this album, called "The Backlot," in which he lifts a sample from an old Paul McCartney song and promptly starts singing like MGMT over it. This is some sort of misdemeanor, I'm positive of it.

— *Eric W. Saeger*

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Plot twists and publishing

Amy Ray on how *Dangerous Denial* became a book

By Kelly Sennott
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It was after reading *Great Expectations* during freshman year of high school that Seacoast writer Amy Ray discovered her love of mystery novels. Yes, mystery novels.

"I didn't foresee this plot twist at the end of the book. I thought, 'Oh my gosh. This is so good.' I loved the surprise ending," Ray said in a phone interview.

So in a way, Charles Dickens is partially responsible for Ray's most recent venture, a debut mystery novel called *Dangerous Denial*. It was published last spring, and Ray will be attending events promoting the book around New Hampshire this fall and winter.

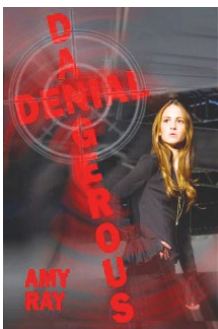
The book centers around a charity ball in Boston. BK Hartshaw, a rising star at a public relations firm, meets her ex-boyfriend Trevor Mayhew for the first time since their break-up here. Both guard secrets that are in danger of unraveling, particularly as BK's friend doesn't show up to the ball and a gunman holds the entire room hostage.

Ray began working on the book back in the '90s; she even had an agent then whom she hoped would contribute to the book's publishing. Then her daughter was born.

"Everything gets put on the back burner when you have a baby," Ray said. "I didn't do anything with it for quite a long time."

When her daughter entered high school, she decided to pull it out and work on it again.

"I'm going to be facing the empty nest in



a year and a half. I figured I'd better either become a writer and get published, and make a push there, or to figure out something else to do. I knew I needed to distract myself from this empty nest," Ray said. (And become a writer she did — she recently learned that her children's book will soon be published too, and her short story will be printed in a New Hampshire anthology called *Love Free or Die*.)

Even when she wasn't working on *Dangerous Denial*, she was keeping up with the industry. She's been a member of the New Hampshire Writers' Project since the 1990s, and she regularly attends New Hampshire Writers' Day and works on the board as secretary.

"Taking workshops through the New Hampshire Writers' Project really helped me to become a better writer," Ray said. "From joining the board to the connections I've made — I didn't meet my publishers through the New Hampshire Writers' Project, but making other writing connections has helped in my being able to promote my book."

She says New Hampshire has an incredibly supportive community for writers for all stages in their careers. Her favorite local mystery authors are Brendan DuBois and Dan Brown.

"There's really not that competition you might find in other fields because people read many books. It doesn't matter if mine gets published and somebody else's doesn't. Everybody's hungry for books," Ray said.

Ray didn't study writing; she earned a business degree at UNH, but when it came to snagging a publisher, that came in handy, too. Barking Rain Press requested that submissions include not only a manuscript, but also a marketing plan.

"Normally you're not asked for that when you submit," Ray said. "There are just so many books out there. If the author isn't actively pushing the book and trying to make it known to the public, then the book isn't going to do well. The publisher wants to make sure you're willing to put that effort out there."

Her second mystery novel is written, and she's currently working on final editing details.

"This day and age, it's so hard to get published unless you are persistent and believe in what you've written. That's the only route that will take you to publication. There were many times along the way when I could have given up, but something in me drove me forward," Ray said. "I think it's not so much about what I like about writing, it's just that I have to. The stories are formed in my head, and if I don't put them down on paper, they're just going to stay in there, bothering me." 🍷

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Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St., Dover: Monday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m.

RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth: Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter: Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua: Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.

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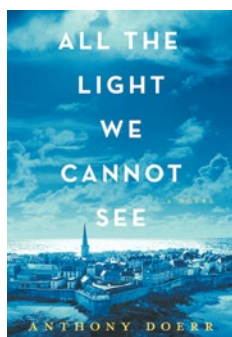
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TOP 10 Historical fiction

For the week of Nov. 17
(barnesandnoble.com)

1 *All the Light We Cannot See*

By Anthony Doerr
Hardcover,
May 2014



2 *Edge of Eternity (The Century Trilogy #3)*

By Ken Follett
Hardcover, September 2014

3 *Henna House: A Novel*

By Nomi Eve
Hardcover, August 2014

4 *The Nightingale*

By Kristin Hannah
Hardcover, Feb. 3, 2015

5 *Orphan Train*

By Christina Baker Kline
Paperback, 2013

6 *Written in My Own Heart's Blood (Outlander Series #8)*

By Diana Gabaldon
Hardcover, June 2014

7 *Winter of the World (The Century Trilogy #2)*

By Ken Follett
Mass Market Paperback, August 2014

8 *Fall of Giants (The Century Trilogy #1)*

By Ken Follett
Mass Market Paperback, 2012

9 *Some Luck*

By Jane Smiley
Hardcover, October 2014

10 *Pegasus*

By Danielle Steel
Hardcover, October 2014

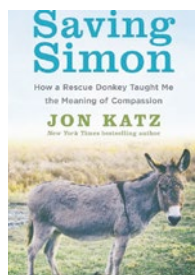
Saving Simon, by Jon Katz

(Ballantine Books, 209 pages)
Jon Katz was walking his donkey (long story) when a woman pulled up in a minivan and asked if the animal was a mule. "No," he replied, "This is a donkey." She looked befuddled, then asked, "What does it do?"

Amused, he answered, "It takes walks with me." But this particular donkey does much more than that. Simon is a rock star of a donkey who came to live at the New York writer's farm after suffering a lengthy period of criminal neglect.

Simon had once been a child's pet, but when the family's farm failed, he was sold to a horse dealer, who shipped him off with a couple of horses to another hardscrabble farm. That farmer, who did not need or want a donkey, decided the solution to his donkey problem was to shut Simon up, alone, in a small pen and forget he existed. No one knows how long the donkey languished there, but by the time the police and animal-welfare officers descended, Simon was motionless and near death, lying on his side, emaciated, pinned under mud and waste, with hooves grown so long he couldn't walk or stand.

Enter Katz. Or, more accurately, enter a virtual SWAT team of aid workers, including a vet who used a battery-powered buzz saw to cut down Simon's hooves and who pulled rotting teeth that had grown into his jaw, causing a raging infection. It was, the vet said, the worst case of animal abuse he'd seen in 20 years of practice. Simon likely would have died if not for the brave child who notified police of his father's neglect, and the state trooper who insisted on orchestrating the raid. It took more than one man to save Simon. But one man made Simon the most famous donkey since Shrek's, so Katz gets the credit.



The resulting book, subtitled "How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion," seems to promise a milquetoast soliloquy on animal rights and human cruelty, but this is not that book, and Katz is not that writer, as readers of his blog (bedlamfarm.com) well know. Katz is a veteran writer but possesses a startlingly fresh voice that occupies the harsh space between animal-rights activists and people whose bumper stickers say "I love animals; they taste terrific." Katz does love animals, but he loves them rationally. A zealous defender of the carriage-horse trade, he believes animals ought to work, and that killing them is sometimes a solution to their problems.

In *Simon*, however, Katz sensed a kindred soul, and he and his wife devoted themselves to nursing the donkey back to health, while pondering the business of compassion. Why is it, he asks, that animal-rights activists have so much empathy for animals, but seemingly little for the human beings who hold different views? (A bumper sticker I saw this week illustrated this beautifully: *Save pit bulls. Euthanize humans.*) To explore the paradox, and his own feelings on the subject, Katz visits the farmer who owned Simon at the time of the raid, and who was later convicted of animal abuse. (And, incredibly, fined only \$125.)

To most of Simon's fans, who drive from all over the U.S. to visit him, the farmer is a monster who should have been jailed. Katz, however, hopes to find compassion for the human behind Simon's suffering. More compelling is what happens later, when the now healthy and affectionate Simon turns on an aged, blind pony that Katz and his wife befriend. The incident and its aftermath demonstrate the danger of expecting animals to behave like humans.

Longtime readers of Katz will find a few

familiar anecdotes here, and a thunderous echoing of themes, but there is much new material here, and Katz makes a convincing argument for a new way of looking at animals. He believes we are loving animals right out of our lives by insisting that they be coddled and pampered, rather than living the lives nature intended — lives that should include work, like humans'. In addition, he notes how human lives are diminished when farm animals are excluded to the point that most people don't know what they are. Simon, Katz writes, loves people, but "our culture makes no allowances for animals like donkeys to be a part of our world, even though they would adapt easily to farmers markets, downtown parks, and school playgrounds."

Katz's beliefs may be disturbing to the most tender-hearted of readers, and his conclusions about compassion might not mirror yours, but they are intelligent, well-defended and important, because they move society beyond *feeling* about animals to *thinking* about them. *Saving Simon* does not delve deeply into the issues raised here, a disappointment in an otherwise solid book. Katz mentions reading Thomas Merton, Saint Francis of Assisi, and Albert Schweitzer, among others, while wrestling with the notion of compassion, but reveals little of what he learned beyond his own anecdotes. Also, he hints of his own sufferings and demons, writing that he instantly related to Simon's "experience of aloneness and confusion, of fear and discomfort," but he shares little about this connection.

"Compassion is tricky, dangerous, volatile. It is easy to talk about it, but another thing to practice it. Simon taught me that. But he also taught me not to give up on it," Katz writes. Simon says a lot, in silent conversation with Katz, who may not always be a reliable interpreter, but is the best we've got in the absence of Doctor Dolittle. **B** — Jennifer Graham

CHILDREN'S ROOM

A weekly recommendation from the Concord Public Library

Project Kid: 100 Ingenious Crafts for Family Fun

by Amanda Kingloff, 2014
(Non-fiction, ages 5-adult)

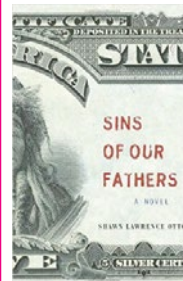


A wide variety of crafts, organized by theme (toys to make, clothing decoration, and much more), are offered with both clear instructions and colorful photographs. In addition, several "art lessons" are presented on various craft techniques, followed by projects using those methods. Adult help will be needed for some of the projects in this treasure trove of ideas for DIY families.

OUT NEXT WEEK

Sins of Our Fathers

By Shawn Lawrence Otto



Hits shelves: Nov. 25

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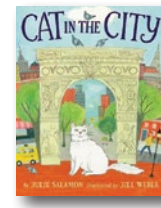
Sat, Dec. 6, 11AM



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Jill Weber & Julie Salamon

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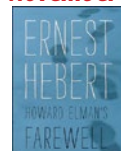
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November 21st 7PM – Ernest Hebert

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November 22nd 10AM – Tomie dePaola

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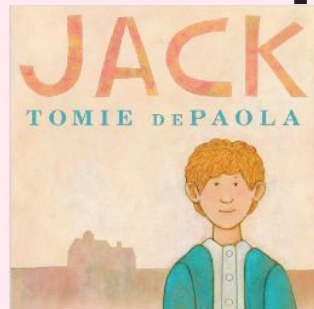
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Book Report



• **Tomie dePaola at Gibson's:** On Saturday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m., Tomie dePaola, most famous for his *Strega Nona* books, will talk about his newest project, a children's book called *Jack* — complete with animals, adventures

and a young hero — at Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. During his visit, dePaola will also share images of his home and studio through *New Hampshire Home* magazine and sign copies of his new book. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com or call 224-0562.

• **Pulitzer Prize winner at Barnes & Noble:** Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of six critically acclaimed and New York Times best-selling books, will visit Barnes & Noble, 235 DW Highway, Nashua (888-5961), on Saturday, Nov. 22, at noon. She'll talk about her most recent work, *Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism* for 15 minutes, take questions for about 15 minutes, and follow with a book signing. DreamWorks Studios has acquired the film rights to *The Bully Pulpit*. Goodwin was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history for *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt*, and she was heavily featured in Ken Burns' recent PBS miniseries, *The Roosevelts*. She's also the author of *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, which was part of the basis of Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln*.

• **Time for a Tellabration:** The Central New Hampshire Storytelling Guild is presenting the 17th annual Tellabration! on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the New Hampshire Technical Institute's Library, 31 College Drive, Concord. Local storytellers will present their tales, and anyone old enough to enjoy an hour and a half of listening is welcome to attend. Admission is free with donations (cash and canned goods), which will be given to The Friendly Kitchen in Concord. Visit cnhsg.net. — Kelly Sennott

Books

Author events

- **CADY ELIZABETH ARNOLD** talks about *Tapestry: Entwined by the Beast* at RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth, Thurs., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.
- **ERNEST HEBERT** talks about his new book *Howard Elman's Farewell* Fri., Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., at Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com.
- **JANET EVANOVICH** talks about her latest in the Fox and O'Hare series, *The Job*, at The Music Hall, 128 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, Thurs., Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$13.25.
- **J.E. SEYMOUR** presents newest book *Stress Fractures* Thurs., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., at Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter, waterstreetbooks.com.
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• **DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN** talks about *Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism* at Barnes & Noble, 235 DW Highway, Nashua, Sat., Nov. 22, at noon. Call 888-0533, visit barnesandnoble.com.

• **DAN SZCZESNY** talks about his new book, *The Nepal Chronicles* at Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, on Sat., Nov. 22, at 2 p.m.; on Thurs., Dec. 4, at the

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Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13)

Harry and Lloyd and Bobby and Peter all get together again, after 20 years, for *Dumb and Dumber To*, a strangely lifeless sequel to a movie I'd basically forgotten about.

Harry Dunne is Jeff Daniels, Lloyd Christmas is Jim Carrey and Bobby and Peter are the Farrelly Brothers, who aren't racking up the hits quite like they did in the late 1990s and early 2000s but still have a film hit theaters every year are so. Daniels won an undeserved Emmy for *The Newsroom* and Carrey still has decent credits, mostly as off-beat supporting roles. Which is all to say I'm not sure exactly who had the desperate need for cash that led to this movie being made. Everybody seems to be doing OK — maybe well enough could have been left alone? Especially since the natural audience for this movie was either not yet born or still in diapers when the first movie came out and now looks to your Seth MacFarlanes and your Judd Apatows and the like for big silly comedy.

In any event, Harry reunites with Lloyd and the pair go off in search of the daughter Harry never knew he had. Her name turns out to be Penny (Rachel Melvin) and she is the sweet if not exactly Mensa-material adopted daughter of Dr. Pinchelow (Steve



Dumb & Dumber To

Tom), an ailing scientist. Pinchelow and his wife, Adele (Laurie Holden), meet Harry and Lloyd when they come looking for Penny but she has already headed cross country to a conference where she will deliver a speech on behalf of her father. Because she forgot to take the important discovery that he wants her to unveil at the conference, Adele suggests sending Harry and Lloyd after her to deliver the discovery.

Pinchelow is unsure about sending something important along with this pair of nitwits but Adele thinks they're perfect for the job — especially since she's depending on her handyman/secret lover Harry (Rob Riggle) to off the two and steal the discovery along the way.

Harry's reason for seeking out his daughter is that his kidneys are failing and he hopes his daughter can give him one of

hers. Lloyd's reason is that he thinks Harry's daughter is a looker and he hopes to date her. Considering the age difference, this is sort of creepy, as are most of the scenes that involve either his fantasy meetings with Penny or his eventual real one. But even with that bit of "ew," the only really shocking thing about *Dumb and Dumber To* is how nothing it is. It didn't make me laugh but it also didn't offend or disgust me or even annoy me all that much. The movie is just laid there, an uncooked chicken breast devoid of either brooding or marinated, neither nuggeted or barbecued. It the rawest of raw comedy ingredients — pee joke here, wacky Carrey face there — not quite assembled. Not even interesting in their rawness.

What the movie most reminded me of was classic Three Stooges bits — though without any of the whatever it is that makes that bunch of goofery and "why I outta's" occasionally funny. The movie is so Stoogeyes, so almost cartoony in what I suspect is its funny business, that I would almost call it a kid's movie. In fact, if the movie stripped out whatever sex stuff or other naughty bits that make it PG-13, the PG version of this movie might even have something to recommend itself. A slightly cleaner version (I would say there's just enough awkward make-out humor to make this movie inap-

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Nov. 21: *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1* (PG-13) The final book in the Hunger Games series hits screens, or at least the first half does, since dragging out the money-making is how it's done; *The Theory of Everything* (PG-13) The Stephen Hawking biopic opens in wide release today.
Nov. 26: Thanksgiving means a week of Wednesday releases

— *Horrible Bosses 2* (R) and *Penguins of Madagascar* (PG)

Now playing:

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG) Steve Carell, Jennifer Garner. This lightweight (very loose) adaptation of the popular kids' book plays like an OK-ish sitcom with surprising moments of charm. **B**

**Big Hero 6* (PG)

Voices of Maya Rudolph, Scott Adsit.

A boy and his balloonlike robot friend find superhero adventure — and some emotional well-being — in San Fransokyo. **B**

Fury (R)

Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf. "Das tank" might be the shorthand way of describing this movie about a tank crew fighting deadly battles with the nearly defeated Nazis in the spring of 1945. **B**

**Gone Girl* (R)

Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike.

The It Beach Read of 2012 gets a smart, fun, twisty movie adaptation. **A**

Interstellar (PG-13)

Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway. Bloated and a little too impressed with itself, Christopher Nolan's latest movie about a voyage into deep space could use more style and substance. **C+**

John Wick (R)

Keanu Reeves, Willem Dafoe.

Keanu spends a few minutes playing with an adorable puppy and the rest of the movie killing people in this jazzy little pageant of violence. **B-**

Nightcrawler (R)

Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo. A psychopath finds an outlet for his ghoulish, amoral tendencies in local TV crime coverage in Los Angeles. **B**

Quija (PG-13)

Olivia Cooke, Ana Coto.

Get any 10-year-old to tell you some Ouija board urban legend they've heard and it's probably more original than this dull horror movie. **D**

**St. Vincent* (PG-13)

Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy. Murray turns in a solid performance in this surprisingly sweet movie about a grumpy old man who befriends, sort of, the single mom and her son who move in next door. **B**

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appropriate for kids under maybe 11 or 12) would actually be a cute little road movie for goofballs that enjoy a good potty joke and their more tolerant parent.

But *Dumb and Dumber To*, strange cold fish of a movie that it is, is not quite innocent enough for that. It is not raucous *Bridesmaids*-style broadness or MacFarlane's self-consciously boundry-pushing naughtiness. It is a Saltine, hold the salt. **C-Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, partial nudity, language and some drug references.** Directed by Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly with a screenplay by Sean Anders, Mike Cerrone, Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly, John Morris and Bennett Yellin, *Dumb and Dumber To* is an hour and 49 minutes long and is distributed by Universal Pictures.

Birdman (R)

Michael Keaton is totally not playing himself, according to an article I read about this movie, even though you might be tempted to think he is in *Birdman* or (*The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance*), a title that makes clear this isn't a straightforward movie.

Because you see Riggan Thomson (Keaton) is still best known for his role as the husky-voiced costumed superhero Birdman, a character he hasn't played since the early 1990s. He stepped away from the franchise out of fear that it would be all he was known for but, of course, it is still all he is known for. Subsequent Hollywood films — there's mention of a lousy romantic comedy — have left him feeling washed up and now he's about star in a self-directed and adapted Broadway play based on a Raymond Carver story. But as the movie opens — and his play is about to go into previews — he has problems. His female co-star is terrible, which leads him to swap in Mike (Edward Norton), who is better but difficult. For one, he drinks while on stage. For another, he is the live-in boyfriend of one of the female co-stars, Lesley (Naomi Watts), and that relationship is falling apart. Riggan's personal life isn't much better. His girlfriend — the other female co-star, Laura (Andrea Riseborough) — thinks she might be/wants to be pregnant and seems to want more than Riggan might be stable enough to give. His grown daughter Sam (Emma Stone) by ex-wife Sylvia (Amy Ryan) is recently out of rehab and working as Riggan's assistant — a situation that seems to have further strained their already strained relationship. And through it all Riggan's best friend, lawyer and show producer Jake (Zach Galifianakis) is worried about all the money that's on the line with the show — and all the money they might still need.

As Riggan goes about his days, a stretched and twisted rubberband of anxiety in his desperation to be taken seriously as

an actor and not seen as a Hollywood lightweight, his own Birdman-self talks to him in a voice that feels like a send-up of Christian Bale's Batman rasp. Birdman, who even appears occasionally, tells Riggan he's better than all this pettiness, even reminding him of his super powers — Riggan can turn off a TV by just gesturing at it or fling something across the room just by pointing at it. Or can he? Is Birdman really there or is it just Riggan's own superiority/inferiority complex? Or is Riggan straight up crackers?

Birdman is a little cute and a lot self-conscious. It mixes its winks at Keaton's own career with mentions of *Iron Man* or, in a scene where Riggan tries to find a replacement for a failing cast member, a rundown of all the acting greats now working on superhero franchises. Its fly-on-the-wall shots of the theater behind-the-scenes are a little Robert Altman; its dialogue has a kind of stylized David Mamet quality. And then there's the elements of magical realism — a descriptor that seems to come up whenever quirky story-telling happens in the story told by someone with a Spanish last name. Perhaps Riggan would say these are all just labels and weak comparisons — a charge he levels at a smug New York Times theater critic he both hates and is desperate to have validate him. But this mix is fresh and surprising and makes for a lively movie that I wanted to follow, even when I didn't know where it was going.

Because we do often think first of Batman when we think about Michael Keaton, it can be easy to forget what a solid actor he is, especially in these roles where a kind of sweaty desperation creeps over the character as the movie goes on. My favorite Keaton performance — both because of subject matter and because of how perfect he is in the part — is his role in *The Paper*, a 1994 movie where he plays a scrappy New York City tabloid editor balancing a variety of problems both personal and professional, while trying to lead his team to nail down a big crime story. There, as here, there is a mix of cockiness and knowledge of self-limitation that makes his characters great studies of people in quiet crisis.

Put simply, *Birdman* is fun, I had fun watching it and, whether you love superhero movies or theater or not, I think you probably will too. It's that kind of movie, the kind of movie where weirdness and knowing meta statements that might generally feel show-off-y just come off as endearing. **B+**

Rated R for language throughout, some sexual content and brief violence. Directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu with a screenplay by Alejandro González Iñárritu and Nicolas Giacobone and Alexander Dinelaris and Armando Bo, *Birdman* or (*The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance*) is an hour and 59 minutes long and is distributed by Fox Searchlight Pictures. 🍷

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• **Expertise:** *Daily Show* “Resident Expert” **John Hodgman** brings his stand-up act to New Hampshire. As alter ego The Deranged Millionaire, he mocked Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling in a fake attempt to buy the team: “If he can make half a billion by being a secret racist, imagine how much more I’ll make with the Clippers by being openly racist.” Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Lebanon Opera House, 51 N. Park St., Lebanon. Tickets \$29.50 at lebanonoperahouse.org.

• **Legacy:** Five years after Dan Fogelberg succumbed to prostate cancer, **Don Campbell** recorded a two-disc tribute to the singer-songwriter and began performing it in concert. In August 2013, Campbell was the featured artist at the fourth annual celebration weekend in Fogelberg’s hometown of Peoria, Illinois. See Don Campbell — An Evening of Dan Fogelberg on Friday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry. Tickets are \$25-\$35 at tupelohall.com.

• **Homecoming:** Seacoast rockers **The Connection** play a lot in Boston and New York City, so a local show is a special occasion. The band most recently toured the East Coast with The Cocktail Slippers, stopping to rub elbows with Steven Van Zandt at Underground Garage HQ. They gave the Sirius/XM mogul a couple of gifts, an ornament and copy of their new holiday EP. See The Connection on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 9 p.m. at Dover Brickhouse, 2 Orchard St., Dover; call 749-3838.

• **Munificence:** A night of music and comedy hosted by **Nick David**, who does both, is a fundraiser for the Samaritans Suicide Prevention and Outreach Organization. Musical performers include David, Chad LaMarsh, D-Comp and Lisa Guyer, with comic relief provided by Jay Chanoine, Matt Barry, Josh Day and Jim Bishop. Attend Mo Runs For Hope Benefit on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 4 p.m. at Jade Dragon, 1087 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets \$10 at bit.ly/1qNaIKP.

• **Royalty:** Long a staple of HDTV, the concert movie **Queen Rock Montreal 1981** receives the big-screen treatment. The remastered and reborn show is considered the band’s best ever; it includes all the hits. Epic, theatrical performances of songs like “Bohemian Rhapsody” showcase a legendary band in its prime. See Queen Rock Montreal 1981 on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. at Cinemagic, 1226 Hooksett Road, Hooksett. Tickets are \$12.50 at cinemagicmovies.com.

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NITE Snowbird

Gardner Berry heads south for the season

By Michael Witthaus
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Back when MTV still played videos and live music was a nightclub’s *raison d’être*, not just one item on a crowded menu, Gardner Berry led the house band at Classics Restaurant & Bar in Manchester. The place closed after just three years, but the short-lived venue produced two long-term connections for Berry.

Crucially, he met Lisa Guyer and began a musical partnership spanning over two decades. Their popular cover band Mama Kicks played its final show in June 2013. The two continue to perform together. Lately, Berry plays keyboards at the teen-oriented Monday Muse open mike Guyer hosts at Whippersnappers in Londonderry.

The second friendship to come from Classics was with the club’s owner, Paul Labbe. In February, Berry vacationed in Florida. Labbe, who relocated there a few years ago, helped him get a couple of gigs.

“It was just like the old days up here,” Berry said. “They hit the dance floor on the first note and stayed all night, having a good time.”

Last summer, Labbe bought a Venice restaurant, renamed it (surprise) Classics Steakhouse, and called Berry with a proposal.

“He plans music seven nights a week

Gardner Berry Farewell Party

When: Sunday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Whippersnappers, 44 Nashua Road, Londonderry

More: mamakicks.com



Gardner Berry. Courtesy photo.

[and] he’s offered his house for me to stay in, a place to play. ... It’s a perfect storm that I can’t turn down.”

Apart from annual spring break tours undertaken with his old band Stone Cross in the late 1970s and early 1980s, it’s the first time Berry’s done anything like this. Before heading south, he plans a final show at Whippersnappers.

“A going away party for me, starring me,” he said with a laugh. “God knows who will show up; I hope everybody does.”

Berry believes it’s the right time for him to take a break from the Granite State music scene.

“I’ve been playing for 50 years and my November calendar was the emptiest I’ve ever seen it,” he said. “I don’t think people are appreciating live music like they used to, that’s my gut feeling. I do see the open mikes doing well, which is kind of interesting.”

Like a rainbow

Arc Iris headlines eclectic NH show

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On paper, Jocie Adams emanates seriousness. Classically trained, she worked for NASA before shifting careers to join DIY Americana stalwarts Low Anthem, a band known for releasing hand-numbered albums with dust sleeves made from recycled cereal boxes. After testing the waters with solo discs and one-off gigs, Adams formed Arc Iris in 2012.

The like-minded players in her band include cellist Robin Ryczek, who studied in Tunisia and runs a school of rock in Kabul, Afghanistan; trumpet play-

er Mike Irwin; and multi-instrumentalist Charlie Rose, whose credits include Aoife O’Donovan and Josh Ritter.

Despite a weighty resume, Arc Iris’s music exudes a playfulness fitting for its name, which means rainbow.

“You’re my little onion I’m still getting to the middle,” coos Adams (first name sounds like Joss Stone’s) on “Singing So Sweetly,” a ragtime-y number from the band’s eponymous debut. Other standouts include the languid “Canadian Cowboy” and “Powder Train,” which resembles a Tom Waits/Wailin’ Jennys co-write done in the 1940s.

The music’s exhilarating freedom

He heaped praise on the young talent coming out to Guyer’s Monday Muse event.

“A couple of them literally blow my socks off,” said Berry.

Teenaged guitar prodigy Delanie Pickering sat in on one of his solo shows; he was well impressed with a 13-year-old guitarist who came to the jam.

“I started an old Ray Charles song; after two measures it was like he’d played it all his life ... I started at 14, but I wasn’t nearly as good as these kids.”

The Tampa/St. Pete crowd suits Berry, now 65.

“It’s my demographic — everyone is my age or older,” he said. Playing solo is also appealing. “The nights are earlier [and] the older I get, the earlier I like it. Throw my piano under one arm, a speaker in the other and I’m good to go, set up in 20 minutes.”

When he returns in April, he’ll play a Whips set with Four Sticks, the Led Zeppelin tribute group he’s in with Tim Theriault and former Mama Kicks members Chris Lester and Dave Stefanelli. But apart from that, Berry is his own boss, which suits him fine.

“The band business is awful,” he said. “I’ll be honest with you, playing in bars as a band is just not that much fun anymore.”

New autonomy makes forays like the coming one possible, added Berry. “Florida is something I’ve always wanted to do, but I’ve always been saddled with a band that had gigs to fulfill,” he said. “Hopefully, everything goes well — I’ll let you know in April. If I’m out of work, I can still lay on the beach.” 🌈

reflects her impulses for forming Arc Iris, Adams explained in a Skype interview as her band prepared to open for Jeff Tweedy in Stockholm, Sweden.

“I had so much I wanted to write about and express,” she said. “Playing with Low Anthem was an incredible experience. ... I learned a lot about arranging and working with people and singing. I won’t ever forget it; I loved it, but it just became time that I had other things that I wanted to do and other music that I wanted to express.”

Arc Iris’ lineup stretches and contracts; an upcoming New Hampshire show will be a duo or trio. The full band includes Zach Tenorio-Miller on piano, drummer



Jocie Adams. Courtesy photo.

Ray Belli and Max Johnson playing bass. The three were performing together when Adams caught their set at a bar in her hometown of Providence, Rhode Island.

"By chance, the band came over to my place afterwards and we kept in touch and played together," she said. "So we kind of have the two halves of our band. ... Zach's world collided with my world."

Rose wryly coined the resultant sound "mystical rainbow fairy kitten astronauts hurtling through the cosmos." Adams has no idea what he means exactly, but said, "It's perfect. It expresses a feeling."

Adams isn't averse to tackling big subjects in her songs. Both "In Honor of the Rainbows" and "Might I Deserve to Have a Dream" address LGBT rights. The latter tune is somewhat cryptic, she conceded. "It's about a transgender person that doesn't fit into society questioning their place. If you listen carefully it's there ... it's meant to speak to those people but also speaks to others in similar situations."

Though Adams writes the lyrics and sings lead on all songs, Arc Iris is a collective, collaborative endeavor. Artistically

Arc Iris with Nat Baldwin, Jonah Tolchin, Blood Warrior, Liv Carrow and Will Kindler

When: Saturday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.

Where: UU Church, 25 Main St., Peterborough

Tickets: \$15 advance (\$20 door); thethinginthespring.com

speaking, everything is on the table.

"It's the facility of the musicians," Adams said. "In Low Anthem we were all ... good at what we did, but we had a pretty specific path, and the facility of these guys is wide and ranging. It's like sailing; you can do whatever. I can say, 'Robin, can you play a melody in this crazy key and then throw in some pits and false harmonics, and then jump around like a fairy and turn into a monster?' She'll go, 'Yeah,' and she'll do it."

Adams laughed heartily at the thought.

"We all really like each other, so even traveling is fun," she said. "The best part is playing for people ... we are all creating. It's so wonderful to work with these guys; it's a really special process."

Night Life Music, Comedy & Parties

• **TALL GRANITE BIG BAND** at First Congregational Church (177 North Main, Concord 225-5491) on Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. \$10 suggested donation - directed by Scott Thibodeau, will perform two concerts of classic and contemporary Swing music benefiting the Concord Cold Weather Shelter Program

• **LIVINGSTON TAYLOR** at Exeter High School (1 Blue Hawk Drive, Exeter 583-5798) on Friday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. \$15 - Livingston Taylor performs acoustic guitar and

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• **FLOOR 13** at Club Canadien (128 S. Main St., Manchester 647-4707) on Saturday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Members only club opens to the public for one night - cover band playing classic rock favorites with professional stage and light show.

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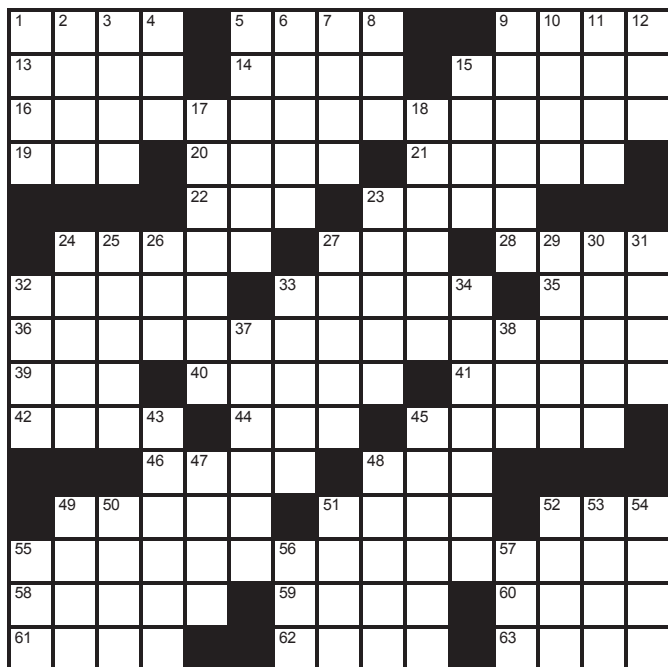
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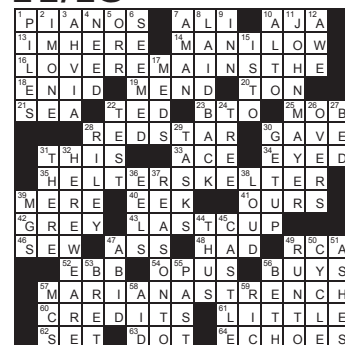
Across

1. "I call ___ for those tickets!"
5. LSD, slang
9. Static-X song for cell research?
13. Cube and Vanilla
14. Songwriter scribble
15. Elvis "I got ___ by a sweet honey bee"
16. War "Why ___?" (4,2,2,7)
19. "Down at the ___ of Lonely St. at Heartbreak Hotel"
20. Peter Murphy "Keep Me From ___"
21. Early Dio band members?
22. John Mayer "Your Body ___ Wonderland" (2,1)
23. "___ my whole life too, for I can't



- help falling in love with you"
24. Led Zep "___ Mountain Hop"
27. Like catchy commercial music
28. What you get when shelved
32. Relating to tones
33. Theory Of A Deadman "The Truth Is...(___ About Everything)" (1,4)
35. Elvis Presley "Viva ___ Vegas"
36. "Best Of Van Morrison" classic (9,6)
39. "___ Hill", Badlees mining song?
40. '83 Barbara Streisand musical
41. Against Me! "Lehigh ___"
42. System Of A Down singer Tankian
44. Spin Doctors "You Let Your Heart Go ___ Fast"
45. "Somebody" Bryan
46. New Edition "___ Isn't Love" (2,2)
48. Finer of The Pogues

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49. Replacements "Gary's Got A ___"
51. Mexico's "Labios Compartidos" band
52. Eric Johnson song for Stevie Ray Vaughan
55. Bob Dylan "When she bent down to tie the lace of my shoe, ___" (7,2,2,4)
58. Duran Duran "A View To ___" (1,4)
59. Leonard Cohen musician son
60. The sail holder Feist sings of
61. Townshend of The Who
62. "Girl Gone Wild" Madonna album
63. Elvis "___ Lonesome I Could Cry" (2,2)

Down

1. Springsteen "Roll Of The ___"
2. Elvis "Do In" The Best ___" (1,3)
3. Snow Patrol "The Planets ___ Between Us"
4. Buffalo Tom debut album label
5. Whitesnake "Slow ___" (2,4)
6. ___ Starship
7. Rock star twosome
8. "Photograph" ___ Leppard
9. Van Zandt of The E Street Band
10. Correctly pitch instrument
11. "Sometimes kids get murdered for the ___" Everlast
12. Booker T And The ___
15. "Lose Control R&B band

17. "Living With The Law" Chris
18. Blue Öyster Cult told us not to fear him
23. Beastie Boys "Licensed ___" (2,3)
24. Blues virtuoso guitarist Gary
25. "___ Glow" Blue October
26. Elvis "Don't look so ___, I know it's over"
27. Björk song about Disney dog?
29. "Sound The ___ A Day To Remember"
30. Mars Volta "Roulette ___"
31. Invites to show
32. New Amsterdams side project "Terrible ___"
33. Bob Dylan "___ For You" (2,3)
34. Union Underground "Turn Me On Mr. ___"
37. What you want old, terrible performer to do
38. Sold to Geffen in '03
43. Christmas classic "___ Bells"
45. '96 "Forty Six & 2" Tool album
47. Soundgarden "___ On Black Days"
48. Tom Waits "Big In ___"
49. What rocker wives will do to welcome home cake
50. Troy "Bet ___" (2,2)
51. "She Hates Me" Puddle Of ___
52. Onyx hit about stage dive gone wrong?
53. Sing/songer Ballard
54. "Crushing Digits" Danish band
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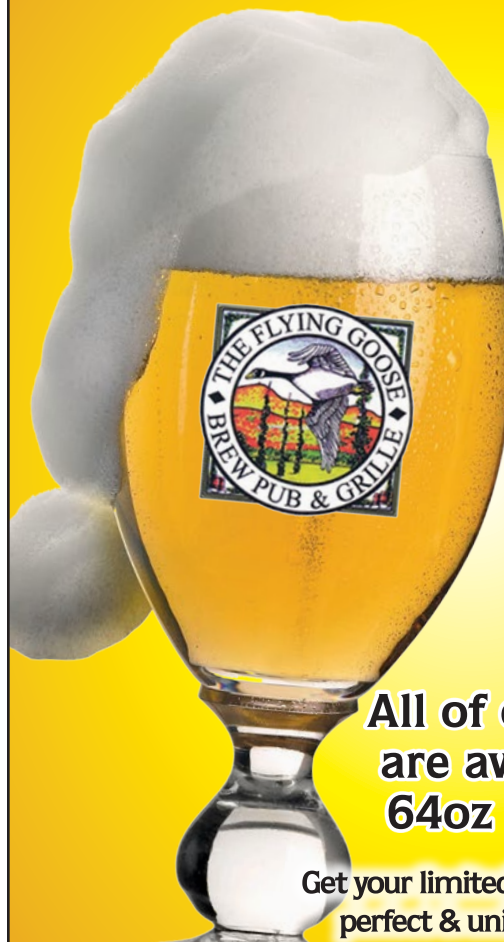
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 168 Elm St. 249-5214
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 40 Nashua St. 769-3119
Giorgio's
 524 Nashua St. 673-3939
J's Tavern
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Pasta Loft
 241 Union Square 672-2270
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Tiebreakers at Hampshire Hills
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Paddy's
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 22 North Main St. 659-2329
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 110 Main St. 659-3696
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 250 Market St. 431-2300
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Belmont
Lakes Region Casino: DJ Russ

Boscawen
Alan's: Joe McDonald

Bristol
Purple Pit: Ken Clark Trio

Concord
Makris: Fuzz Box
Pit Road Lounge: Max Voltage

Red Blazer: Chafed
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
True Brew: Matt Poirier & Mike McDowell

Contoocook
Covered Bridge: Delanie Pickering

Dover
Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Brickhouse: Dressed for the Occasion/Mallett Brothers Band

Fury's Publick House: Amulus
Strafford Farms: Driving Force
Top of the Chop: Funkadelic Fridays

Epping
Holy Grail: Sidecar
Telly's: Brian Johnson

Gilford
Patrick's: Johnny Angel

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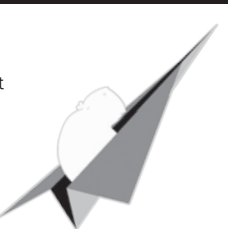
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Hampton
Savory Square: Dave Gerard
Wally's Pub: Hot Commodity

Hanover
Canoe Club: Ted Mortimer

Hooksett
Asian Breeze: George Belli &
The Retroactivists

Laconia
Pitman's: Roxanne & the
Voodoo Rockers

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Joel Cage
Whippersnappers: Hypercane

Manchester
Breezeway: DJ McKay NRG Dance
City Sports Grille: The Voice
Club 313: DJ Bob
Derryfield: Eric Grant Band
Drynk: DJs Jason Spivak &
Sammy Smoove
Fratello's: Brad Bosse
ManchVegas: Fried Cactus
Milly's: Anaria/One Way Drive
Murphy's: Take 4
N'awlins: Brickyard Blues
Penuche's: Lucid
Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Prodigy (of Mobb Deep)
Strange Brew: Matthew Stubbs
Band feat. Dennis Brennan

Merrimack
Homestead: Marc Apostolides

Milford
Clark's: Tristan Omand
Tiebreakers: Steve Tolley

Nashua
Arena: DJ Rhiannon/DJ Danjah
Country Tavern: Olde Salte
Fody's: The 20 Somethings
O'Shea's: Freight Only
Riverwalk: Freenvolt w/ Michael
Bernier
Stella Blu: Wooden Soul

New Boston
Molly's: Jocelyn/Justin Cohn

Newmarket
Stone Church: Alchemystics w/
People Like You

Peterborough
Harlow's: Duncan Pellitier,
Youngest Sun w/Ol' Factory

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Seldom
Playrights 2nd Anniversary
Dolphin Striker: Amorphous
Band
Fat Belly's: DJ SKD
Martingale: The D Comp Band
Oar House: Bob Arens
Portsmouth Gaslight: DJ KoKo
P/Jimmy D/Dustin Ladale
Press Room: Rabbit in the Rye
w/The Dupont Brothers
Red Door: Datacet
Ri Ra: Without Paris
Rudi's: Duke & John Hunter
Thirsty Moose: The Wonder-
Mics

Raymond
Cork n Keg: Off Duty Angles

Rochester
Lilac City Grille: Ruben
Kincade Project
Smokey's Tavern: Matt Langley

Salem
Black Water: Rick Breton & Crew
Sayde's: Salsa night, DJ Anthony

Seabrook
Castaways: Chris Hayes
Chop Shop: Doubleshot Boston

Warner
The Local: Lauren Hurley acoustic

Saturday, Nov. 22
Belmont
Lakes Region Casino: Jodie &
Haywire

Boscawen
Alan's: Scott McRae

Bristol
Purple Pit: Lisa Marie & All
Shook Up

Concord
Hermanos: Paul Speidel
Penuche's: Ghost Dinner Band
Pit Road: Bad Medicine
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
True Brew: Jenna Paone Band

Contoocook
Covered Bridge: Jim & Mike

Dover
Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Brickhouse: The Connection/
Love Me Nots/Tiger Bomb
Fury's: When Particles Collide

Epping
Holy Grail: Rob Pepper

Telly's: Joe McDonald

Gilford
Patrick's: Kieran McNally

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Stuck In Time

Hampton
Savory Square: Sharon Jones
Wally's Pub: Among the Living

Hanover
Canoe Club: Gillian Joy

Hooksett
Tap House: The Groove Cats

Hudson
AJ's: Point of Entry

Laconia
Baja Beach Club: DJ

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Lachlan Maclearn
Whippersnappers: Last Laugh

Manchester
City Sports Grille: Win, Place
and Show Band
Club 313: Life's A Drag Hosted
by Monique
Derryfield: Chad Lamarsh Band
Fratello's: Steve Tolley
Jade Dragon: Monkeys With
Hammers
ManchVegas: Without Paris
Midnight Rodeo: Shana Stack
Band
Murphy's: Triple Tantrum
N'awlins Grille: Jazz Guitar
Project
Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Bruce Jacques
Strange Brew: Gravel Project
Thrifty's: Sugarcoma

Merrimack
Homestead: Marc Apostolides

Milford
Chapangas: Boogie Men
Clark's: Lisa Guyer, Saturday
Muse
J's Tavern: Russell Hill
Shaka's Bar & Grill: Acoustic
Bahgoostyx

Nashua
Boston Billiard Club: DJ
Anthem Throwback
Country Tavern: Jeff Mrozek
Fody's: Phileep and The Beat
O'Shea's: Allen Roux
Stella Blu: Britannica Duet
Wicked Twisted: Rewind

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Thursday, Nov. 20
Derry
Halligan Tavern:
Shaun Bedgood/Steve
Halligan

Lebanon
Lebanon Opera
House: John Hodgman

Nashua
Fody's: Comedy on
Purpose - Alana Susko

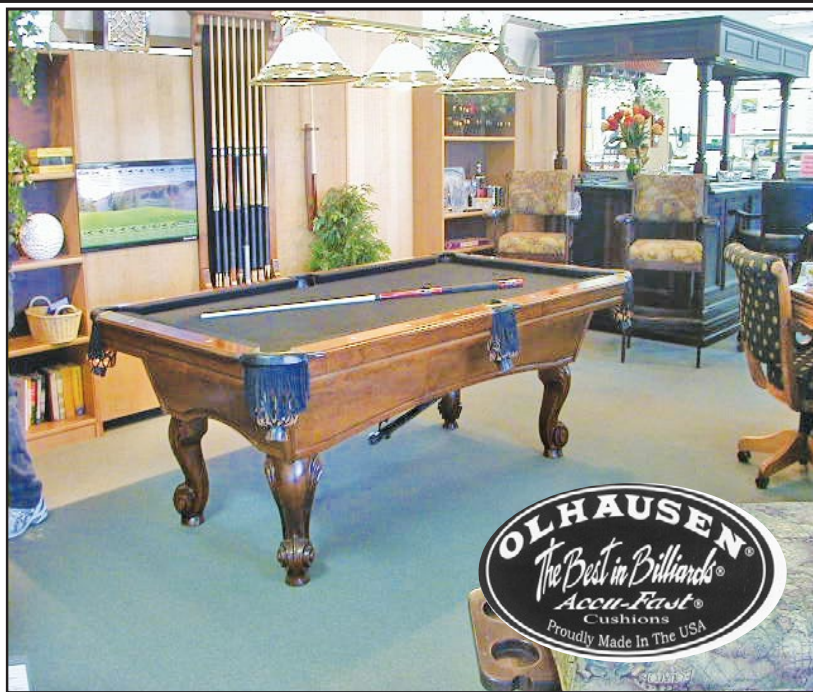
Portsmouth
Gas Light: Rob Steen
Comedy Showcase
Portsmouth Book &
Bar: Lips Comedy

Saturday, Nov. 22
Dover
Orchard Street Chop
Shop: Bob Seibel

Manchester
Headliners: Dueling
Pianos

Monday, Nov. 24
Concord
Penuche's: Punchlines
Open Comedy

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Peterborough

Harlow's: Luke MF Duke and
DJ Austin Wright

Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: Music TBA
British Beer: Chris White Band
Dolphin Striker: Brick Yard
Blues
Fat Belly's: DJ Provo
Hilton Garden: Dave Gerard
Martingale Wharf: Michael
Troy and Craig Tramack
Oar House: Don Severance
Portsmouth Book & Bar: The
Reconstructed
Portsmouth Gaslight: DJ
KoKo P/Corey Brackett/Brad
Myrick
Red Door: Paul Dailey
Ri Ra: Hello Newman
Rudi's: Pj Donahue Trio

Raymond

Cork n Keg: Ten N Out

Rochester

Lilac City: American Made
Smokey's Tavern: Dan Walker

Seabrook

Chop Shop: Stomping Melvin

Warner

The Local: Rippin E Brakes

West Lebanon

Seven Barrel Brewery: Larry
Dougher

Sunday, Nov. 23

Bedford

Copper Door: Marc Apostolides

Concord

Hermanos: John Franzosa

Dover

Cara: Irish Session w/ Carol
Coronis & Ramona Connelly
Brickhouse: DJ Erich Kruger
Sonny's: Sonny's Jazz Series

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Wan-Tu Blues
Band Jam

Hanover

Canoe Club: Randall Mullen

Hillsborough

Mama McDonough's: Hallorans

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: Gardner
Berry's Goodbye Bash

Manchester

Drynck: Beach Bash w/ Sammy
Smooove
Jade Dragon: Mo Runs for
Hope Benefit w/ Lisa Guyer,
Nick David
Shaskeen: Rap, Industry night
Strange Brew: One Big Soul/
Jon Ross

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Open Stage with
Lou Porrazzo

Milford

Clark's: Sunday Brunch with
Charlie Christos

Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Don Severance
Press Room: Sarah MacKenzie
Red Door: Green Lion Crew
Rudi's: Jazz Brunch

Rochester

Lilac City Grille: Matt Gelinias
at 9:30am

Monday, Nov. 24

Concord

Hermanos: John Franzosa

Hanover

Canoe: Marko The Magician

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: Lisa Guyer/
Gardner Berry/Mike DuPont

Manchester

Fratello's: Rob Wolfe

N'awlins Grille: Nate Comp

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh

Newmarket

Stone Church: Stormy
Mondays hosted by Wild Eagles
Blues Band

Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Old School
Press Room: Russ Grazier
Quartet
Red Door: Daniel Amede/
Honky Gazpacho/Eric Nassau

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Concord

Hermanos: Michael Walsh

Dover

Fury's: Tim Theriault
Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

Hanover

Canoe: Christopher Schoelen

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: VJ Mark/
DJ Box

Manchester

Drynck: Sammy Smooove & DJ
Gera
Fratello's: Kim Riley
N'awlins: John Chouinard
Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Tristan Omand
Strange Brew: Strange Brew
All Stars

Merrimack

Homestead: Paul Luff

Newmarket

Stone Church: Bluegrass Jam
w/Dave Talmage

Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: Honky Tonk
w/ Seldom Playwrights
Dolphin Striker: Dan Walker
Ri Ra: Oran Mor

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Bedford

Bedford Village Inn: Bonfire
w/ Charlie Christos

Belmont

Lakes Region Casino: Eric
Grant Band

Concord

Hermanos: Richard Gardzina
True Brew: Dusty Gray Band

Contoocook

Covered Bridge: Open Mic
with Derek Astles

Dover

Dover Brickhouse: Dark Horse
Ramblers/Southbound Outlaws/
Whiskey Snakes
Fury's: Badwolf
Sonny's: Taylor O'Donnel
Strafford Farms: Jimmy D

Epping

Holy Grail: Peter James Gang

Francetown

Toll Booth Tavern: Puddle
Jump

Gilford

Patrick's: Justin Jaymes

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Thanksgiving
Eve Bash w/Bruce Marshall
Group

Hampton

Wally's Pub: Turkey Toss w/
DJ Dritch

Hanover

Canoe Club: Ted Mortimer

Hillsborough

Turismo: Red House Road

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Manchester

Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh Band
Drynck: Three Kings w/ Midas, Miles Deep & Pharoah
Element: Bag night, Jammin' w/ JP
Fratello's: Phil Jacques
Jade Dragon: Copacabana Salsa Night
ManchVegas: Deja Voodoo / Carolina Burn
Murphy's: Conniption Fits
Penuche's: Lichen
Shaskeen: Aldous Collins Band
Strange Brew: David Rousseau/Howard Randall

Merrimack
Homestead: Brian Gray

Nashua
Amsterdam: Karen Grenier
Killarney's: Kieran McNally
Riverwalk Cafe: Open Mike for Original Music only

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• **Straight No Chaser** Thursday, Nov. 20. 8 p.m. Lowell Memorial Auditorium
• **Michael Feinstein** Friday, Nov. 21. 7:30 p.m. Cap Center
• **John Butler Trio** Friday, Nov. 21. 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom
• **Josh Logan & Friends** Saturday, Nov. 22. 7:30 p.m. Palace Theatre
• **Jon Butcher Axis: Celebrating the Music of Jimi Hendrix** Saturday, Nov. 22. 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey
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• **Cheryl Wheeler** Sunday, Nov. 23. 8 p.m. Tupelo
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• **Ani DiFranco** Sunday, Nov. 23. 8 p.m. Cap Center
• **Left Over Turkey A New England Sampler** Friday, Nov. 28. 7 p.m. Rochester Opera House
• **Sweetback Sisters** Friday, Nov. 28. 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft

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• **Living Color** Saturday, Nov. 29. 8 p.m. Tupelo
• **Dueling Pianos** Saturday, Nov. 29. 8 p.m. Cap Center
• **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** Saturday, Nov. 29. 3:30 & 8 p.m. Verizon Wireless Arena
• **Celtic Tenors Christmas** Sunday, Nov. 30. 8 p.m. Cap Center
• **Quinn Sullivan** Sunday, Nov. 30. 8 p.m. Tupelo
• **Art Alexakis of Everclear** Thursday, Dec. 4. 8 p.m. Tupelo
• **Sister Hazel** Friday, Dec. 5. 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey
• **Beatlemania Again** Friday, Dec. 5. 7 p.m. Rochester Opera House
• **Melanie** Friday, Dec. 5. 8 p.m. Tupelo
• **Sierra Leone Refugee All Stars** Friday, Dec. 5. 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre

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• **Carbon Leaf** Saturday, Dec. 6. 8 p.m. Tupelo
• **Dark Star Orchestra** Saturday, Dec. 6. 8 p.m. Lowell Memorial Auditorium
• **Tomáseen Foley's "A Celtic Christmas"** Sunday, Dec. 7. 8 p.m. Lowell Memorial Auditorium
• **LeAnn Rimes** Tuesday, Dec. 9. 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House
• **Dusty Gray (Frank FM)** Wednesday, Dec. 10. 8 p.m. Tupelo
• **Sweet Honey in the Rock** Holydays Friday, Dec. 12. 8 p.m. Colonial Theatre
• **Boston Pops Holiday Concert** Saturday, Dec. 13. 7:30 p.m. Verizon Wireless Arena
• **Tinsley Ellis w/ Mike Zito** Saturday, Dec. 13. 8 p.m. Tupelo
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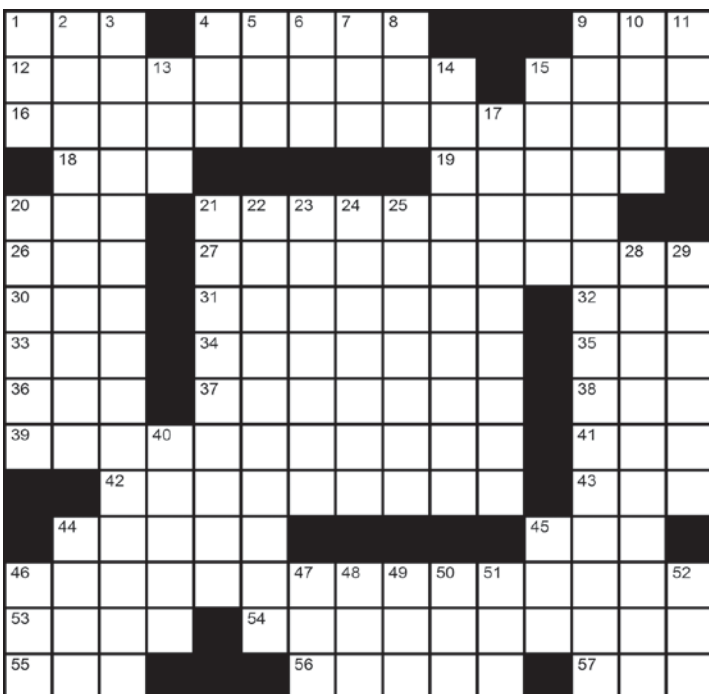
- 1 Upsilon's follower
4 Talking-animal tale
9 WWII general ____ Arnold
12 Bottom of a parking garage
15 Spare parts?

- 16 1998 Bryan Adams album
18 Dinner ingredient?
19 Home to Hercules's lion
20 OB/____
21 Competitions like those in "8 Mile"

- 26 "His Master's Voice" label
27 "Just let me finish"
30 Round body
31 Cop's request before "I'm going in"
32 Get the bad guy
33 You, to Christoph Waltz
34 One who'll leave a mark
35 "La la la can't hear you," for short
36 Punctured tire sound
37 Desert after an Italian meal
38 ____ Majesty
39 One side of a bilingual store sign
41 Former "Tonight Show" announcer Hall

- 42 He pitched the only World Series perfect game
43 Pit stop stuff
44 Mercredi preceder
45 "Who's a good boy?" response
46 It's sometimes added to table salt
53 Like scuffed CDs
54 Secure locales
55 A degree of success?
56 Singer/songwriter Jones
57 Freshmen-to-be, perhaps: abbr.

- 13 Mag VIPs
14 Slowly, on sheet music
15 "Star-crossed" lover
17 Laurelin's partner in Tolkien's
Two Trees of Valinor
20 Brazil's Mato ____
21 Stand-up comedians' supporters
22 1980s Hostess product
23 Oktoberfest locale
24 Thwarting type
25 Nightmare visions
28 Called in honor of, as a relative
29 Famed Fords
40 Missile-warning gp.
44 Dance in a pit
45 Freddy formerly of D.C. United
46 Baby seal
47 Singer Janis
48 Ship passing in the night?
49 Cousteau's sea
50 Ex-Smashing Pumpkins guitarist James
51 "Well, look at you!"
52 Count follower



11/13



Down

- 1 Mideast grp.
2 Apple variety created in Minnesota
3 Song that starts "Twenty, twenty, twenty-four hours to go"
4 Lobster ____ Diavolo
5 Actress Michalka
6 ____ Paese (semisoft cheese)
7 2022's Super Bowl (if they keep using Roman numerals)
8 "Mouse!"
9 Is stealthy like a snake
10 Quatrain rhyme scheme
11 Korean sensation

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Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *The new settlers on the east shore of the lake worked diligently to have their homes in readiness before the severe Arctic winter set in. ... The Laplanders, on the other hand, wondered at the new settlers giving themselves so much needless, hard work, when nothing more was necessary to live comfortably than a few reindeer and a tent. Either way, preparedness is a virtue.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Nils Holgersson had not understood what he was losing when he chose to remain an elf; but now he began to be dreadfully afraid that, perhaps, he should never again get back to his right form. You'll be in good form.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *It couldn't be possible that the cottage had grown. But why was he obliged to take so many more steps than usual to get to the table? And what was the matter with the chair? ... He could not look over the top without climbing to the arm... Your cottage may have grown.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *Now, that it was light again, he was in a merry mood once more, and could not comprehend what had come over him the night before. He certainly didn't want to give up the journey and the outdoor life now. Enjoy the outdoor life.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *But Smirre, like all foxes, had found it hard to give up an undertaking already begun, and so he lay down ... and did not take his eyes off the wild geese. Know when to cut your losses.*

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *Now, if the boy would set him free, he would give him an old coin, a silver spoon, and a gold penny.... The boy didn't think that this was much of an offer; but it so happened—that after he had gotten the elf in his power, he was afraid of him. He felt that he had entered into an*

agreement with something weird and uncanny; something which did not belong to his world, and he was only too glad to get rid of the horrid thing. Don't enter into uncanny agreements.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *Instantly the dog came out of his kennel—furiously angry—and barked at the air.*

Barking at the air probably won't change much, but it might make you feel better temporarily.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *He who walks along the path which runs across the middle of the mountain, can't help feeling a little disappointed. Then he ... wanders off toward the mountain's sides and looks down over the bluffs; and then, all at once, he will discover so much that is worth seeing.... You will encounter much that is worth seeing.*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *It had been a monotonous trip, and when the rain-clouds made their appearance the boy thought it was a real diversion. Break the monotony.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *The cat ... seated himself, curled his tail into a graceful ring around his paws—and stared at the boy. ... The cat looked thoroughly good-natured and inoffensive. Don't be fooled by a cat.*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *In the flock ... [was] one white goosey-gander, who carried on his back a tiny lad dressed in yellow leather breeches, green vest, and a white woollen toboggan hood. If you're going to ride on the back of a goose, wear your toboggan hood.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *In November there were busy slaughter days, with salting of meats, sausage making, baking of blood pudding, and candle steeping. ... But the greatest rush came around Christmas time. ... For now they must brew the Christmas ale, steep the Christmas fish in lye, and do their Christmas baking and Christmas scouring. Get an early start on your Christmas scouring.*

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

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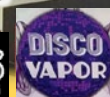
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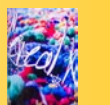
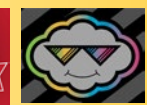


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The other world series

In October, another premier world sports event reached its climax, with one team left standing, rewarded for months of grueling practices, to the cheers of adoring, frenzied fans. The “world series” of professional team computer games was settled on a stage in a packed, 40,000-seat stadium in Seoul before three gigantic TV screens and an Internet audience of millions. The powerhouse Samsung White team out-moused and -key-boarded the Chinese champions at “League of Legends” (which 27 million gamers worldwide play every day), using its fantasy characters to destroy opponents’ bases. The winning team took home \$1 million of corporate money, but future earnings should escalate when idolized world-class players unionize and swing merchandising endorsement deals.

Can’t possibly be true

Carnell Alexander at one point owed about \$60,000 in child support for a kid he did not father (according to a DNA test) and knew nothing about, but despite “successfully” challenging the claim 20 years ago, he still owes about \$30,000. The mother who accused him long ago admitted lying (in that naming a “father” was necessary to get welfare benefits), and while a judge thus wiped out Alexander’s debt to her, the state of Michigan nonetheless still demands that Alexander repay benefits it had paid to the mother.

Brits behaving Britishly bad

• Literature professor Thomas Docherty was back at work in October following his nine-month suspension from the University of Warwick for “inappropriate sighing” during meetings with a senior colleague, along with “making ironic comments” and “negative body language.”

• In October, Andrew Davies, 51, was ordered by magistrates in High Wycombe, England, not to lie down in public places anymore (unless genuinely stricken by emergency). Previously, he had a habit of making bogus “999” (911) calls to get attention, and when police confiscated his phone, he began compensating by lying in roads until compassionate passersby called for ambulances.

The new math

More than 6 million students have downloaded the new iPhone app PhotoMath to solve Algebra I and Algebra II problems by pointing the phone’s camera at a printed equation. The answer, and the explanation, quickly appear on a screen, as a teaching tool or for the students to show “their” work if PhotoMath

is used on exam questions. The Croatia-based developer told the Quartz website in October that it is working on upgrades for higher-level math equations (though no relief is in sight for those chronically pesky “word problems”). Meanwhile, the debate has been triggered over whether PhotoMath is a dynamic technological advance in education or a cheating-enabler.

Bright ideas

• Neighbors in the Mandarin neighborhood of Jacksonville, Florida, complained to the city recently about a resident who scattered hundreds of mothballs around her front yard, even driving over them in her car to crush them open and extend their noxious odor. The National Pesticide Information Center warned that the mothballs were hazards to plants, wildlife, water and air, but the female resident (unnamed in a report by First Coast News) said she was forced into the tactic in order to prevent neighborhood dogs from defecating in her yard.

• Celebrity Musicals: In September in Hamburg, Germany, “Charles Manson: Summer of Hate The Musical,” opened at the Thalia Theater, covering the influences and failed musical career of the man convicted in the notorious 1969 Sharon Tate murders. And “I Am Stephon Marbury,” a musical featuring the former star NBA basketball player, ran for 11 nights in September in Beijing, where the popular Marbury has led the Beijing Ducks to national basketball championships the last two seasons. Marbury has a role onstage in what is described as a parable about pursuing one’s dreams.

Weird scenes

• Richard Shear, 28, was arrested in Muskegon County, Michigan, in October after an apparent violent episode with his mother and girlfriend. Shear had allegedly threatened the two, slashed an SUV tire, and tried to burn down their home with gasoline and a lit candle but when it was time to flee the premises, hopped on his moped, ensuring his flight from police would be a short one.

• A woman (described only as “robust”) in Darmstadt, Germany, fled with the equivalent of about \$125 from a pharmacy in October and is still at large. According to the police report, she swiped money from two cash registers by twice lifting her shirt and squirting breast milk at a clerk as a diversion.

The District of Calamity

The Washington, D.C., school system last year declared Avery Gagliano, 13, a habitual truant whose parents some-

how require special training to ensure her attendance. The eighth-grader was a straight-A student at Alice Deal Middle School, but also a piano prodigy selected for prestigious world exhibitions which caused her to exceed the maximum 10 “unexcused” absences that triggered the assignment of a truancy officer and a series of relentless threats against the parents (which ultimately provoked them to withdraw Avery and this season to home-school her). (In October, following a Washington Post account, D.C.’s governing council honored Avery in a public ceremony, and the D.C. schools chancellor overnight began begging the Gaglianos to bring Avery and her suddenly “excused” absences back to school.)

Just like the script

• A Bradenton, Florida, deputy sheriff was forced to duplicate a classic scene from “Raiders of the Lost Ark” when he was advanced upon by a menacing-looking, samurai-sword-swinging, 31-year-old man. The deputy, perhaps as nonplussed as Indiana Jones was, shot him dead.

• Rule No. 9: The 15-year-old granddaughter of Cliven Bundy (the Nevada rancher whose dispute with the federal government caused a notorious standoff in March) told Las Vegas’ KSNV-TV that her dad (Bundy’s son) was withdrawing her from her high school because officials would not allow her to carry a knife on campus. She said her dad has taught his kids (just like “NCIS’s” Leroy Jethro Gibbs) to “always” carry a knife.

Undignified deaths

• Annual Bunyola “fiestas” on the Spanish island of Mallorca were canceled out of respect for an 18-year-old man who fatally hit his head after receiving an electric shock on a lamp post he was leaning against as he urinated at a street corner.

• A 15-year-old boy driving a “skid loader” on a farm near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, suffocated when the machine accidentally flipped him directly into a manure pit (the sixth such death locally since 1989, according to the Lancaster Intelligencer-Journal).

American scenes

A Washington State Patrol lieutenant pulled over a 28-year-old drunk driver in a logistically impressive arrest. The lieutenant, when he spotted the driver, happened to be in the 36-foot-long motor home converted to the department’s mobile unit for processing DUIs, but nonetheless maneuvered the vehicle well enough to pursue and stop the driver.

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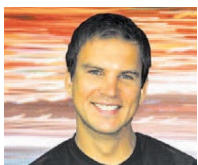
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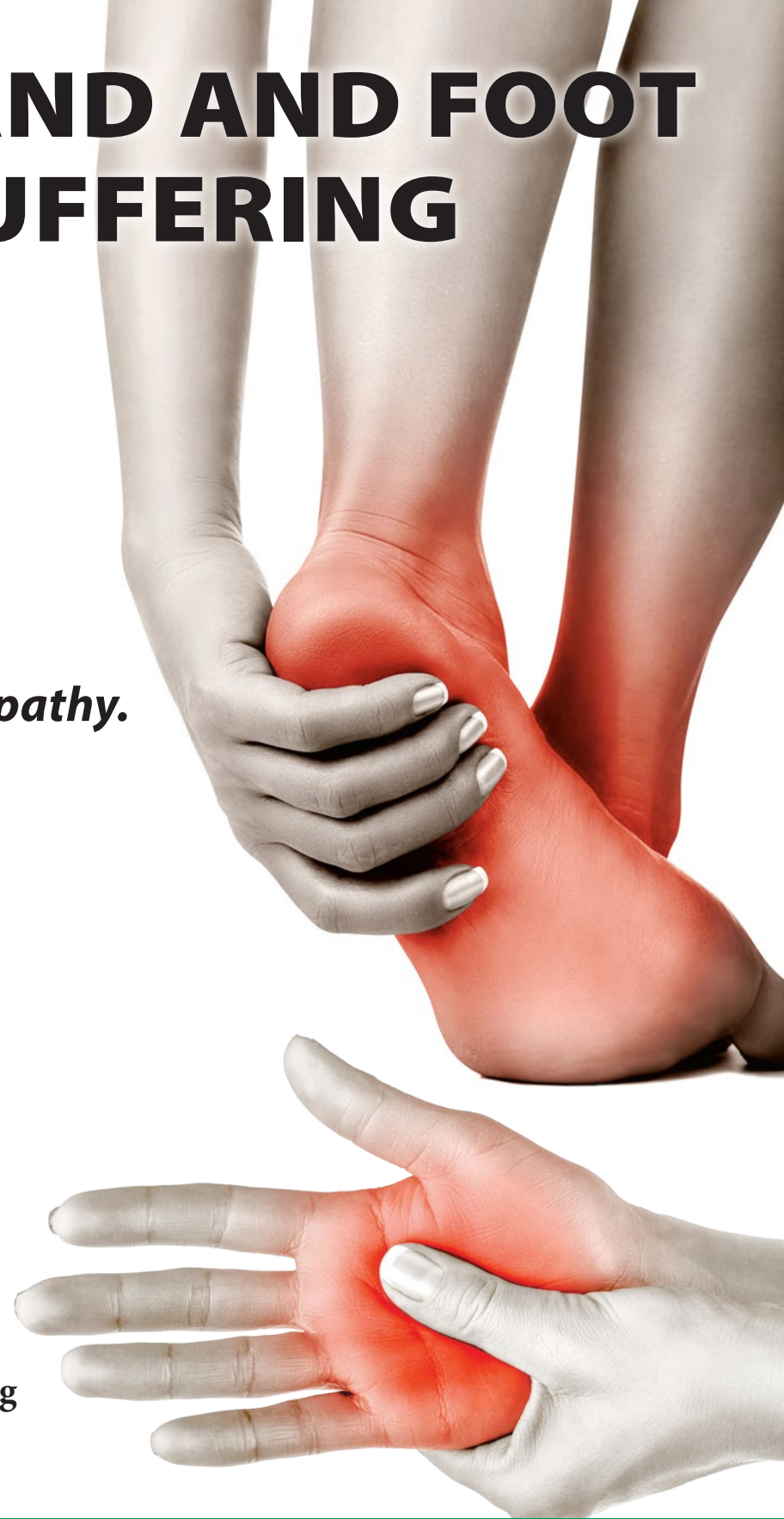
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